

THERE IS NOTHING EITHER GOOD OR BAD BUT THINKING MAKES IT SO.—Shakespeare

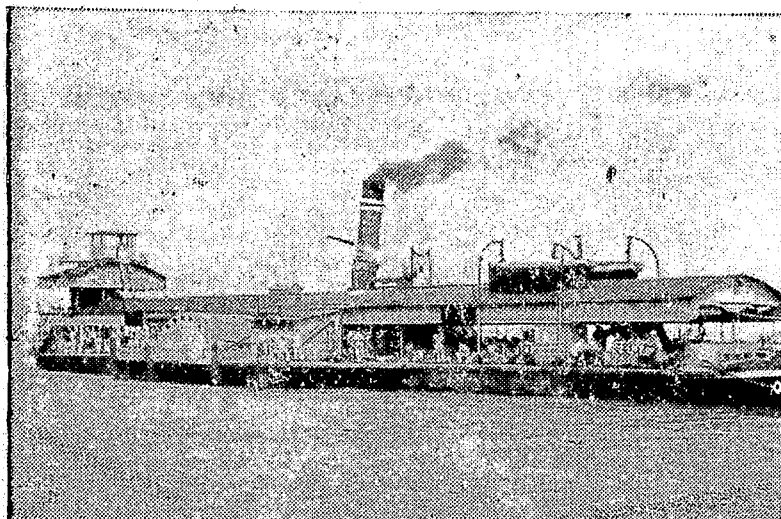
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Riverboat in Service



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A type of riverboat now being used to transport American task forces up the Brahmaputra river on their way to the fighting fronts in Burma. Are you continuing the payroll savings plan for War Bonds?

From U. S. Treasury

Two Russian Leaders



MOSCOW—Radio—Soundphoto—Marshal Rokossovsky of the 2nd White Russian Army, left, is pictured talking with Marshal Zhukov, whose 1st White Russian troops seized Poland's second city Lodz in their drive toward the Reich.

JEAN FRANCOIS RICHARD

Jean Francois Richard, 69, died very suddenly when he was coming home from cutting wood at Stony Brook, Bethel, Feb. 18. When Mr. Richard did not return to camp for supper the men went back and found him dead on the trail.

The Sheriff and Medical Examiner were called and pronounced death due to natural causes. He was taken to the Greenleaf Funeral Home where the body is being held while trying to locate friends or relatives.

SHOWER

Mrs. Charles Gorman and Mrs. James Croteau were co-hostesses at a shower in honor of Mrs. Henry Flint at Mrs. Gorman's home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Flint was presented with a gift. Cards were enjoyed with first prize going to Mrs. Ralph Berry and consolation to Mrs. Robert Lord.

Those present were Mrs. Robert Lord, Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Ralph Berry, Mrs. O. A. Pratt, Mrs. Fred Douglass, the guest of honor and hostesses.

CONGREGATIONAL GUILD

The Guild will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Elwood Ireland. Robert Scott of the Gould Academy faculty, will state his views on Post-War Problems. There will also be musical selections by a ladies' trio.

The program committee is: Miss Helen Varner, Mrs. Elwood Ireland and Mrs. Laurence Lord.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Harry Sawin was guest of honor at a birthday party at the home of Miss Carrie Wright, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 13. Mr. Sawin was presented with Valentines from the school children.

Refreshments were served, which included a birthday cake. Those present besides the teachers of the village schools were Mr. and Mrs. Sawin, Mrs. Perry Judkins and Miss Wright.

SHOWER

Mrs. Robert Parker, nee Barbara Hall, was guest of honor at a post-nuptial shower at the home of Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf Monday evening. A social evening was spent and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mrs. Perry Lapham, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Vernon Brown, Mrs. Josephine Parker, Miss Arlene Brown, Miss Barbara Lutton, Miss Beatrice Brown, Miss Frances Morrill, Mrs. John Meserve, Mrs. Donald Brown, Mrs. Norman Hall, Miss Muriel Hall, Miss Abigail Gill, Miss Eugenia Haselton, Mrs. Paul Head, Miss Ruth Walker, Mrs. Esther Brown the honor guest and hostess. Sending gifts but unable to be present were Mrs. Philip Chidborne, Mrs. Rufus Rice, Mrs. Carl Brown, Mrs. George Wheeler, Mrs. Louis Paul, Mrs. Ava Austin, Mrs. Wilfred Baker, Miss Virginia Smith, Mrs. Alfred Brown and Mrs. Robert Clifton.

BOY SCOUTS TO HOLD CARNIVAL MARCH 3

On Saturday, March 3, the local Boy Scout troop plans host to the Mount Mica District, B. S. A., with a winter carnival as the main attraction. The Mount Mica District is composed of troops from Norway, West Paris, Oxford, Paris Hill and South Paris.

Mr. Ireland has consented to plan the carnival activities for the boys. These will begin as soon as the boys arrive on the morning train. Dinner will be served at noon in the basement of the Congregational Church by the Guild. A Scout band composed of Earl Cummings, Robert Tift, Jerry Davis, Donald Lord, Dick Ireland and Lee Carver will furnish music.

After dinner events are to be held on the Academy hill at Swan's Corner. Out of town Scouts plan to take the afternoon train back home. The public is invited to the carnival events.

March 1st is to be Parents' Night at Scout meeting, held as usual in the Legion rooms. The meeting begins at 7 o'clock. There will be award of second class badges, and demonstrations by the Scouts.

GOULD J.V.s. CONTINUE VICTORY STREAK

The victorious Academy J.V.s. had a tough time at Mexico but managed to annex their eighth straight victory by virtue of a free throw by Davis and a field goal by Stone. Mexico pitted their strongest substitutes against the visitors in an effort to win but the "Blue and Gold" underdogs staved off defeat to ring up number 8 in a row.

Davis was high scorer for Gould gathering just half of the team's total of 22. Leavitt was the Pinto big gun scoring 10 of his team's 19 points. Ted Young, Stone, Cole, Marshall, Parsons, Stowell, and Wright along with Davis saw service.

Score by periods

Gould J.V.s. 5 11 17 22
Mexico J.V.s. 5 12 14 19

The ninth victory came at South Paris Friday when the J. Vs. came through on the long end of a 20-15 score. Three neat baskets by Ted Young in the first period sent Gould out to an early lead which they held throughout the game. Marshall with five points, Davis with four, and Stone with four kept the local J. Vs. out front.

Score by periods

Gould J.V.s. 8 15 18 20
S. Paris J.V.s. 3 8 14 15

Win number 10 was marked up at Bryant Pond last Monday when Marshall and Davis led the local underdogs to a 25-17 victory. Marshall played his best ball of the year scoring nine points while Davis connected for eight. The winners had a 10-7 lead at the half but the home team brought the score to a 12-12 tie at the end of the third period. A basket by Wright sent the Academy boys to a 14-12 lead at the three quarter mark from which they were never headed. Cushman of the losers was high point man of the evening with 11 points.

Score by periods

Gould J.V.s. 4 10 14 25
Bryant Pond 2 7 12 17

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartlett were in Norway Sunday.

P. F. Crane of Orono was in town the first of the week.

Wesley Wheeler is confined to the house by illness.

Jack McMillin was home with his family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crockett were in Lewiston one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith are confined to their home by illness.

Miss Minnie Capen is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall.

Mrs. Mary Hutchins, R. N. of Togus is a guest of Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Mrs. J. B. Chapman remains in a serious condition at the C. M. G. hospital.

Mrs. Alma LaFayette, Hebron, spent a week with her sister, Mrs. L. B. Davis.

Miss Barbara Browne spent the week end in Lewiston, guest of Miss Arlene Donahue.

Donald Andrews spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Conner of Portland spent the week end at Leslie Cummings.

A new cancelling machine at the post office was put into operation Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hutchins of Brandon, Vt. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartlett.

Mrs. Arthur Fogg was taken by ambulance Saturday to the C. M. G. hospital, Lewiston.

Richard Verville of Haverhill, Mass. is spending two weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Wright.

Miss Rebecca Philbrick of Lisbon spent the week end with her sister, Miss Pauline Philbrick.

Bear River Grange will observe Ladies Night, Saturday, February 24. Supper of fish chowder at 6:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Clifford of Riddellville, visited her sister, and family Mrs. Ray Crockett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Gram and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurd of Lovell were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nora Holston.



Walter Tikander SF 3c, who has been serving on an LST, has been assigned to the Naval Air Base, Public Works Dept., Norfolk, Va. According to word received by his wife this week.

Pvt. Homer Pateneau arrived in Gilead Friday after spending the past 26 months in the South Pacific and India.

Capt. Lorrimer M. Schmidt was seriously wounded in action in Luxembourg according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy G. Schmidt, and was transferred to a Paris hospital, awaiting evacuation to England. Capt. Schmidt has been in the service since November 1942. He received his training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was assigned as Battalion Surgeon to the 20th Armored Division at Camp Campbell Ky. He studied at Columbia University and served as instructor at Camp Barkley, Texas, and in May 1944 was transferred to the 17th Airborne Division at Camp Forrest, Tenn., going overseas in August. Since December Capt. Schmidt has served with Patton's Army in Belgium and Germany.

Corp. Tech. Richard Brown of Haverhill left Friday last week for Camp Bowie, Texas.

Maurice Kendall, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kendall of West Bethel, will leave Friday for Fort Devens to join the Army Air Force. Mr. Kendall is a student at Gould Academy and would have graduated in June of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill of Mason have received word that their son Robert has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Morrill is in France.

T. S. Everett Chase, who for some time has been in a hospital in England recovering from burns sustained in tank warfare, is at his home here on a 21-day furlough.

Captain Sidney Dyke left Tuesday to go to Nashville, Tenn., after a furlough with his family in town.

Mrs. Dyke accompanied him as far as Boston.

Robert E. Perry SF 2c is spending a 15 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry, West Bethel. He will report at San Diego Sound School for a refresher course on his return.

A. C. T. Stanley Davis of Courtland, Ala., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis.

Mr. Gerard S. Williams and wife, Minta K. Williams SF 2c, of Boston are spending this week at their home here.

Ensign Harry Kuzik of the U. S. Maritime Service is spending a leave with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Lyon.

Word has been received that T/Sgt. Arthur O. Bennett has recently been transferred from England to France.

M/Sgt. Alfred W. Lovejoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lovejoy, West Bethel, is chief clerk of the Personnel Section at Cazes Air Base, Casablanca, in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command.

S/Sgt. Charles E. Lowe son of Mr. and Mrs. Allister Lowe of Bethel, is radio operator-gunner in an Italy based 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress. He has been overseas two months and flew his combat mission against enemy operated oil refineries at Regensburg, Germany, on Dec. 28, 1944.

Mrs. Wilfred Boulanger received a telegram Tuesday stating her husband, S-Sgt. Wilfred Boulanger had been slightly wounded.

Mrs. Charles Austin of Portland was last weeks guest of Mrs. Ava Austin. Charles Austin spent the week end here.

Mrs. Alice Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graves from Norway visited their sister Mrs. Ray Crockett one day last week.

Richard Crockett and friend, Peter Cleveland of Norway spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crockett.

Miss Caroline Wright, Cadet Nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital is spending several days at her home here.

Over \$50 was cleared by the Lions Club in their dance last Tuesday evening. They wish to thank all who helped to make the event so successful.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCluskey returned Wednesday from Burlington, Vermont. Mrs. McCluskey has spent the past several weeks in So. Carolina and Georgia.

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Wallace Clark, Tuesday evening, Feb. 27. A supper at 6:30 will precede the meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Lions Club Monday evening. Warren Brigham Psychological Engineer will speak on "The Industrial Revolution." All members are urged to attend.

The 4-H club entertained the Farm Bureau Saturday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Edith Forbes. Piano solos by Janice Lord, Lorraine Swan and Nancy Van Denkerckhoven were enjoyed. Rachel Brown and Phyllis Merrill gave a demonstration of table settings.

Gasoline Stocks Low--Sales Limit 1 Coupon

Prescott H. Vose, Director of the Maine OPA, called on gasoline dealers on Thursday of last week to refrain from selling more than the gallonage value of one coupon to any motorist and he also urged car drivers not to seek additional gasoline until their stocks dwindled to a quarter of a tankful, in order to ease the critical gasoline situation in Maine.

The discriminatory clause of the gasoline rationing regulations require that a dealer who has gasoline on hand must sell to a customer who presents valid ration coupons, Vose said. However, he called on dealers and consumers to cooperate by adopting the two voluntary gasoline-saving devices until the stocks in Maine communities can be increased.

"It is obvious to every auto driver that the gasoline situation in Maine particularly south of Waterville and Skowhegan, is not good," Vose said. "Supplies have dwindled to a point where the conditions prevailing among gasoline stations are decidedly 'spotty'."

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Gould Takes Berlin Skiers

The Gould skiers won their second dual meet, beating a strong Berlin High team 330.80 to 275.00 Saturday. Berlin captured the jumping competition although Captain Dorion of the locals had the longest jump of the day, 92 feet.

The entire Gould team has been showing improvement in every meet to date and should be a serious contender in their own carnival next week end. Bovey has leaped out as a 4-event skier of late and as a result, Savage's times in slalom and downhill have been uniformly good and his cross-country is improving. Dorion, Winter and Packard are the backbone of the team as they regularly race all four events and post times at the top of the list. Croteau's jumping is good and he is working on the other events all the time. He will be a valuable man in another year.

"Old-timers," Gil LeClair and Ruel Swan and a youngster, "Dick" Ireland, have helped a great deal in staging these meets by serving as foremen. "Gil" and "Dick" both posted 76.4 in the slalom while "Dick" had a 37 flat in the downhill. The Gould team will welcome this youngster another year.

This meet was capably handled by the G. A. Outing Club and much credit is due them, especially to those boys who have so faithfully snowed the cross-country course after each storm.

The results as follows:

Cross-Country	
1. Packard, G	19:47.4
2. Reid, B	19:53
3. Winter, G	20:01
4. Lundblad, B	20:15
5. Dorion, G	20:25
6. Olson, B	20:59
7. Bovey, G	21:01.2
8. Savage, G	21:20
9. Baker, B	22:11
10. Richer, B	23:40
Gould 98.53	Berlin 95.93

Downhill

1. Packard, G	40.3
2. Savage, G	41.8
3. Votour, B	42.3
4. Bovey, G	42.6
5. Reid, B	45.3
6. Richer, B	45.8
7. Winter, G	48.5
8. Croteau, G	52.4
9. Dorion, G	54.4
10. Sheridan, B	57.7
11. Olson, B	57.8
Gould 96.42	Berlin 87.49

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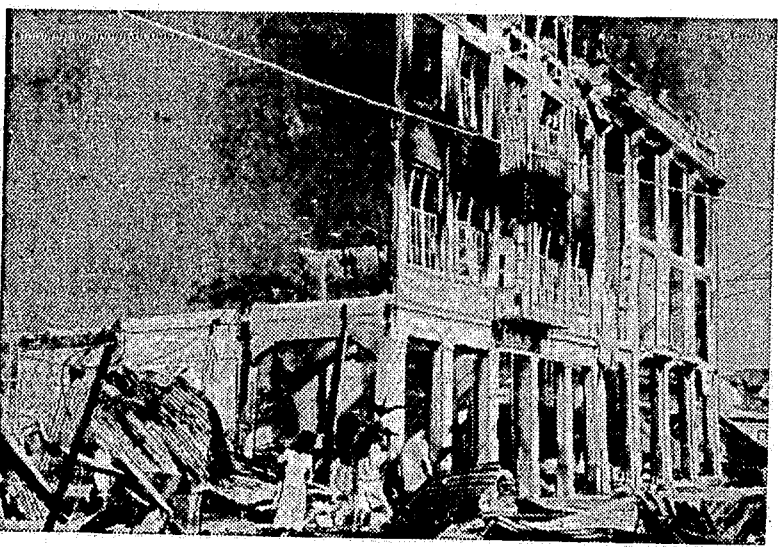
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

German Militarism Doomed As Big Three Chart New Europe; Allies Spear Deeper into Reich

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Bearing personal possessions, Filipinos pass through smoldering ruins in Manila after Jap fight to slow Yank advance.

BIG THREE: Europe of Tomorrow

Although details necessarily must be left until after the war, the general pattern of the Europe of tomorrow loomed as a result of the Big Three's conference at the Crimean watering resort of Yalta.

As the outline emerged, there was the prospect of a Europe consisting of an expanded Russia; of smaller countries promised the right of picking their own governments; and of a Germany emasculated to prevent the conduct of another war.

Determined to stamp out German militarism, the Big Three planned to break up both the general staff and army; do away with all wehrmacht equipment; eliminate or control all Reich industry that could be used for war production; and wipe out all Nazi and Junker influence in the life of the state.

In conceding Russia's claim to eastern Poland, Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill compromised with Premier Stalin on the question of a government for the recently liberated nation, agreeing on a regime to include members of the present Red-sponsored Lublin committee and other Democratic elements, with a free election to be held later for final settlement of the problem.

In addition to promising the smaller nations the right to choose their own governments, the Big Three an-



Premier Stalin (left) and President Roosevelt confer at Yalta.

nounced their willingness to assist these countries in carrying out measures to assure such a step. On the all-important question of an organization to preserve the peace, there was said to be understanding on a formula for determining an aggressor, with details to be worked out at a United Nations meeting in San Francisco, Calif., April 25.

With Russia adamant on demands for the use of both German labor and material for reconstructing devastated Europe, the Big Three arranged for the establishment of a commission in Moscow to decide on amounts due and methods to be employed in exacting payment.

Under Big Three plans for post-war occupation of Germany, Russia would take over the east, the British the northwest and the U. S. the west, with France invited to share in the control of the Rhineland.

Reacting violently to the Big Three's program, German propagandists raved: "Never — this is our sacred oath in this hour in which the enemy has dropped his mask and in which we Germans now see the devilish grimace of the Jew — never will this murder be practiced on our people."

THE WAR: Allies Gain

With much German industry already overrun in the east, and with much more threatened by the Russian drive on Saxony and the U. S. and British assault on the Ruhr, the Nazis tried to bolster their people's resistance with promises of a military miracle.

What the miracle would be, of course, no one knew, although observers speculated on possibilities of German plan to suck the Russians deep into the Reich and then counterattack when the spring thaws ogged long Red communications.

JUMBER

Most of the lumber being produced in the United States today is used as shipping boxes and crates for materials destined to the fighting fronts.

Shipping boxes and crates for overseas delivery last year required much lumber as all other uses combined, the National Geographic Society points out. Three-fourths of several hundred thousand items shipped to the fighting fronts are packed in wooden boxes.

LABOR: Back in Fold

After prolonged negotiations, the AFL was ready to receive John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers back into the fold after a long absence brought about by Big John's departure to organize the CIO, with which he broke following its refusal to vote against President Roosevelt in 1940.

Lewis' return to the AFL was based upon both parties' acceptance of terms fashioned by Big John and AFL Chief William Green in a recent conference, in which the UMW would be allowed to maintain its District 50, made up of all kinds of workers, and the AFL would later decide if any of these workers properly belonged to other of its affiliates.

An AFL hookup with Lewis would provide it with powerful leadership in its drive to assault the War Labor board's "Little Steel" formula, limiting wage increases to 15 per cent of the January, 1941, level, which both say is inadequate since living costs have risen higher than that figure.

POSTWAR FINANCE: Asks U. S. Leadership

Declaring that it was time for the U. S. to take the lead in economic cooperation to establish the foundation for expanded world trade, President Roosevelt asked congressional approval for the Bretton Woods monetary plans stabilizing foreign exchange and providing long-term reconstruction loans.

At the same time, the President said that the Bretton Woods program was just one phase in a broad effort to promote world prosperity, with others to include an allied food and agriculture organization, expansion of the reciprocal trade agreements act of 1934, reduction of trade barriers, control of monopolies and orderly marketings of surpluses.

Under the Bretton Woods plans, the U. S. would contribute about 25 per cent of the money for the \$8,800,000,000 stabilization fund enabling nations to obtain foreign exchange for world trade, etc., at par values instead of open market rates. For the reconstruction fund, the U. S. would contribute about 33 per cent of the \$9,100,000,000 capital, to be largely used in guaranteeing private loans to foreign countries.

FRANCE: Industry Control

Claiming that the gravity of France's reconstruction problems called for central direction in rebuilding the shattered economy so that all phases might develop evenly, the De Gaulle government assumed state control of private enterprise.

With De Gaulle proclaiming that "We wish France to be a state that directs the economic effort to the profit of all in order that life will become better for each Frenchman..." it was indicated that government control might well be established as a permanent institution.

Under De Gaulle's program, the government will instruct provisional commissioners, selected after consultation with labor and industry, in the supervision of every branch of business. So far, most commissioners have been drawn from the ranks of labor, thus tending to liberalize the program.

WAR COSTS: Taxes

Reflecting the tremendous cost of the war, Uncle Sam took nearly a third of the nation's earnings in taxes in 1944, with income and corporation levies accounting for the bulk of the payments.

While total income in 1944 was estimated at 156½ billion dollars, taxes were set at 42 billion dollars, with individual payments of over 17 billion dollars and corporation returns of over 16½ billion dollars. Of the corporation taxes, it was said, almost two-thirds came from excess profits.

Cigarette, liquor, luxury, etc., taxes yielded over 6 billion dollars.

Life

Costly in treasure, World War II has been equally costly in life, too, with total U. S. fatalities to date approximating 200,000 compared with 53,000 for all of World War I.

Compilation of statistics, however, show that Germany and Russia have suffered the greatest number of fatalities, with Japan next with 600,000.

By comparison, Britain's and France's losses have been far below World War I fatalities, with the former suffering 325,000 to date as against 900,000, and the latter only 150,000 as against 1,250,000.

FARM CREDIT

The farm mortgage debt of the country is the lowest in 30 years and much of the reduction is due to repayments on loans made through the Federal land bank system, the USDA reports. The volume of land bank and commissioner loans made in 1944 was the largest since 1930, totaling \$105,282,000, but for every dollar borrowed more than 3½ dollars was repaid on loans made in prior years, thus reducing the volume of loans outstanding about 17 per cent in the year.

Washington Digest Calls 'Hydromania' Threat To U. S. Water Resources

Expert Charges Disregard for Natural Values In Engineering Projects; Sees Danger To Wild-Life Especially Acute.

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As the prospects of fat public works budgets for the postwar era arise on the Washington scene, the planners, big and little, rush up to drop their pet blueprints into the hopper.

Recently, I witnessed the preliminaries of a counter-balancing move, something that might be called a prophylactic effort to save some of the beneficiaries of governmental projects from being killed by too much kindness. This effort is embodied in a bill presented by Rep. Karl Mundt of South Dakota, and I heard a sort of informal preview of some of the testimony that will be offered before the committee on rivers and harbors in its behalf.

The bill is H.R. 519 and it deals with protection against pollution of the country's waterways. It was in the course of the preview discussion that I heard another affliction, "hydromania," a cure for which may be harder to find. It is said to result from "overindulgence in damming." It is not mentioned in the Mundt bill but the connection is obvious.

The purpose of Mr. Mundt's measure is as follows: "To prevent pollution of the waters of the United States and to correct existing water pollution as a vital necessity to public health, economic welfare, healthful recreation, navigation, the support of invaluable aquatic life, and as a logical and desirable postwar public works program."

As I say, Mr. Mundt doesn't mention hydromania in his bill, but one of his close friends who had much to do with writing the legislation has. He is Kenneth Reid, executive secretary of the Isaac Walton league. Since the proposed legislation has also to do with the problem of protecting our piscatorial and aquatic life, I want to quote a few of Mr. Reid's observations on one kind of "killing with kindness" which frequently accompanies over-generous government spending.

Mr. Reid I should call a "hydrophile," for he ardently pleads the case for what he refers to as "the orphan stepchild" of our natural resources—water. Conservation of water is pretty well understood but, says Mr. Reid, "has been damned and diverted, drained and polluted, stolen and wasted, with utter disregard of existing natural values, with blind and unconcern for its biological functions and its public, aquatic and recreational values."

"From the early days of our nation to the present time," he continues (and this is where hydromania comes in), "water has run the gamut of a horde of engineers (whether private or governmental, makes no difference) who see in a running stream or a sparkling lake only the material uses to which the water can be put."

Existence of Fish Menaced

Reid is an engineer himself and is not unsympathetic with the great achievements of his profession. But his colleagues sometimes outrun their zeal and he appears perturbed lest postwar public works activities threaten our lakes and rivers, their natural beauty and all that is in them.

What he is fighting is the kind of engineering activity, stimulated by grants-in-aid from the federal government, which will damage the waterways and their inhabitants, flora and fauna. On the other hand, he is all for the encouragement of constructive construction which will work in the opposite direction.

He thinks we have overdone the damming; he questions the economy of reclaiming land at a great capital cost per acre with certain irrigation projects. These, Reid opines, likewise often destroy fish by cutting them off from their spawning grounds. He mentions the dams in the Columbia river which, he says, threaten a ten million dollar annual salmon take.

That is the effect of hydromania resulting from well-intentioned and unselfish but unwise use of the engineering art. He points out that anything which kills fishes and interferes with the nation's wildlife is interfering with one of the nation's

major industries. He estimates that the total expenditure in hunting and fishing, including licenses, equipment and other incidentals, reaches a billion dollars a year and therefore constitutes a major American industry and one which should be protected.

Reid also stresses the esthetic and recreational values destroyed in the building of great dams and reservoirs as well as by the pollution of streams.

Pollution Health Peril

The security feature which has been emphasized in the present war when the bombing of dams has caused such destruction, is another argument seized upon by Mr. Reid. His specific example of this phase of the argument sent a shudder down my back when he offered as an illustration the construction of 14 major dams in the Potomac watershed, which was strongly advocated recently. If this project had gone through, he told me, my home town would have been made "extremely vulnerable to air attack through breaching of the big dams that would be immediately above Washington."

"The engineer's desire," says Mr. Reid solemnly, "to pour concrete in prodigious quantities, impound great areas of water behind magnificent monuments to engineering, dig ditches and canals, bore tunnels and otherwise remake the landscape of America, is quite irrepresible."

However, what he and his colleagues are now most concerned in eradicating is pollution and that, I think, will meet the approval of most people even if they won't go all the way with Mr. Reid concerning hydromania.

Protection against pollution, the proponents of the Mundt bill insist, "won't cost a thin dime" because the money saved by eliminating the need of purifying polluted water will more than make up for it.

Besides destruction of aesthetic and property values, it is pointed out that pollution is a growing menace to health. The Mundt bill would give the states every chance to clean up their own situations but, it is argued, "since streams flow by gravity without any regard for state boundaries pollution is logically and constitutionally a matter for federal control."

Provisions to take care of these various angles are included in the Mundt bill. Such measures in the past have been opposed by some communities which thought it was cheaper to dump their sewage in the rivers, and by industrial plants that felt the same way.

Although machines compete with humans and with horses and mules in this war, the dog, never before used officially by American forces, has become the competitor of mechanized devices.

A dog, by his sense of smell, can detect a strange presence at 500 feet. Up to October 1 of last year the army, coast guard and marines had used over 9,000 trained dogs.

The first thing a K-9, as they are called, learns, is to be a one-man dog. They won't accept food from any but their masters nor will they allow anyone else to pet them. Then the training gets more complicated and includes even parachute jumping. But there is one thing that these otherwise clever animals cannot be taught, namely, to tell enemy troops from their own. This has one advantage, however — they don't can uniform any differently than if he weren't an enemy in disguise. Soldiers sometimes do.

Demand for farm products is likely to continue at present wartime levels throughout most of 1945. Regardless of the course of the war the demand for many farm products, at ceiling prices, may continue to exceed supplies in 1945.

Consumers' food costs in large cities in recent months have been slightly lower than they were in mid-summer. The index for November, 1944, was 136.5 as compared with 137.7 in August and the peak of 143.0 in May, 1943. Nonfood costs have been following a somewhat different trend.



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GIRL OVERBOARD

by GEORGE F. WORTS
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THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey, who is in love with Paul Duncan, is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping edit the memoirs of his grandfather, Admiral Duncan. Aboard ship bound for Hawaii she is thrown overboard, but is rescued. After landing, Paul and Zorie overheard Paul's brother, Steve, with whom Zorie now is in love, plotting with Winthrop Lanning. Believing Steve to be in danger, Zorie tries to rescue him, but is captured by Lanning and driven into the mountains, where she is told she will not see the sunrise. Pierre, who threw Zorie overboard, arrives at the cabin and wants her killed. He tells of a death struggle with Steve, and claims that Steve is dead.

CHAPTER XVIII

"Keep away from that girl!" Mr. Lanning shouted.

Pierre sucked in his breath through swollen lips and backed away from her.

Zorie's hatred had, in a curious way, renewed her strength. Her brain was clear again. She heard the soft patter of rain on the roof and the silver wires again dangled from the eaves.

Then Mr. Stromberg walked into the room. He said vigorously, "What goes on here? Where is Steve Duncan?"

He saw Zorie. He said harshly: "What is this girl doing here?"

Pierre started to talk, but Mr. Stromberg cut him short. "Hendley," he said, "what is the meaning of this?"

Zorie looked about for another man, but Mr. Lanning answered, "I will try to explain," he said.

As he explained, Mr. Stromberg grew more and more grim.

If she could only hold Stromberg here . . . If she could somehow hold them all here! Long before this, her disappearance from Uluweh must have attracted attention.

If the admiral had recalled how insistent Steve had been on having Basil Stromberg at the dinner party, then he would have the key to the mystery. The admiral would first look for Mr. Stromberg at his plantation house. Not finding him there, he would logically look for him here. And if his reasoning brought him here, it was safe to assume that he would bring help.

Mr. Lanning was still lucidly explaining.

"Why," Mr. Stromberg broke in, "did you leave that car in front of this house?"

"I'll move it," Mr. Lanning said hastily.

"I attended to it. You have been very careless, Hendley. Savoyard, why weren't you on watch? An army could have marched in here! You two have placed me in an extremely embarrassing position. You will have to get off this island at once. I will give you the address of a Japanese agent in Waimana. He will attend to everything."

"Come along, Pierre," Mr. Lanning said.

"Wait a moment," said Mr. Stromberg. "We have something to settle. Hendley, go out there and watch at that window." He turned back to Zorie. He shook his head slowly. "Why," he asked her, "does an innocent little thing like you have to get mixed up in an unholy mess like this?"

She shrugged. "Why not say the fortunes of war?" she answered.

"That's what I usually say when I get into these tight corners."

Mr. Stromberg was staring at her. "What do you mean?"

"You might ask Pierre."

"Pierre?" He whirled around. "She is Ah-nah Boland!"

"That's ridiculous!" Mr. Stromberg said. "It's . . ." he stopped. He turned back to Zorie.

She tilted her head a little. She was trying to handle the situation as lightly and as boldly as she believed Anna Boland would have handled it.

"You can't possibly be Anna Boland," Basil Stromberg declared. "Anna Boland was shot by a firing squad in Berlin six months ago!"

"Maybe," Pierre said. "And four nights ago, I threw her off the 'Samoa' into the propellers and drowned her!"

"But I was not shot in Berlin. And if you will look closely, Mr. Stromberg," Zorie said demurely, "you will see that you have bagged rather a rare specimen."

"This girl is lying," Mr. Lanning broke in. "Her resemblance to Anna Boland is what precipitated all this trouble. It's nothing but an amazing coincidence. Until the past fortnight, she spent her whole life in the little Middle Western college town of Ellerton."

"That is really so amusing," Zorie said, with a soft, little laugh. "They radioed Berlin, Mr. Stromberg. What did Berlin say, Mr. Lanning? Perhaps it was Anna Boland's double that we shot. They radioed Ellerton, where I've been more or less hiding since I got out of Germany, and Ellerton reported that I am too smart and a very suspicious character."

Mr. Stromberg's steel-blue eyes were now very narrow and alert.

"This is most interesting," he said. "So you really are Anna Boland."

"Yes," said Zorie. "I really am Anna Boland."

He pulled a chair toward her and sat down, facing her.

"I must confess I have always been very curious about you, Miss Boland. I am really shocked."

"And I," Zorie answered, as if

she were amused, "have been rather curious about you, Mr. Stromberg. I have the greatest respect and admiration for the work you've been doing here in Hawaii. You are not on my side—but I always admire brilliant work."

Mr. Stromberg smiled. His face became red.

"This girl . . ." Mr. Lanning began.

"Hendley," Mr. Stromberg said impatiently, "I told you to go out and watch at that window."

Mr. Lanning shrugged and walked out of the room.

"I am most curious to know how you escaped from the firing squad," said Mr. Stromberg.

"But, Mr. Stromberg, is it customary for you to subject your guests to such indignities? Am I a wild beast that might spring on you three powerful men and destroy you?"

"I am so sorry, Miss Boland! Pierre! Untie Miss Boland's hands and feet at once!"

Pierre severed the cords that bound her feet, then the cords that bound her wrists. Her legs were numb to the knees, and her arms were numb to her shoulders. Pierre took her hands from behind her. They hung down limp, blue-white and useless.

The dawn was growing brighter. The prickling sensation had reached her wrists and ankles, was beginning to enter her hands and feet. She tried to lift her hands, but she could not.

"Will you tell me," Mr. Stromberg asked, "how you got out of Oslo in January, 1941?"

"There again," Zorie answered, "you are embarrassing me. To answer that question, I would implicate innocent people."

He studied her. The prickling was extending into Zorie's hands and fingers. She tried to lift her hands into her lap. She succeeded, but the pain almost made her cry out.

"Ask her," Mr. Lanning's voice came from the living-room. "any question in German or French, Mr. Stromberg. Anna Boland, you'll recall, spoke nearly every European tongue."

"But this girl—"

"Ask her! I insist this girl is not Anna Boland, Mr. Stromberg. I insist she is making a fool of you."

Mr. Stromberg got up. His large, handsome face was suddenly red. "Very well," he said quietly. He spoke rapidly to Zorie in German. He said, in English, "Please answer that question in either German or French, Miss Boland."

"But this is so childish!" Zorie cried.

It was no use. In the silence, she would have heard a car if it had been a mile away. No car was coming. It was obvious that Paul and the admiral had not followed the line of reasoning she had hoped they would.

Mr. Stromberg got up and went to the doorway. He turned and looked at her.

"Whoever you are," he said, "I am awfully sorry for you, Pierre, come along!"

"And leave her here in this cabin?" Pierre protested.

"Come with me."

The two men went into the other room and joined Mr. Lanning. Their voices, so low she could hardly hear them, came to Zorie. They were, of course, discussing her, deciding her fate. She knew that Mr. Lanning was sorry for her, and she believed that their better natures would have little weight in their decision. They dared not keep her a prisoner indefinitely. They dared not set her free. They must give Pierre the order to dispose of her. They had no choice!

She tried to rub her hands together. Sensation was returning to

them, but it took the form of an agonizing ache. She tried to stand up. There were sharp cramping pains in her feet now. Her ankles would not support her.

If she could stand up, she could crawl through the window. She could crawl away and hide somewhere. It was her only chance.

She made another effort at getting up. Her legs gave way. When she tried to grasp the seat of the chair and push herself up, her hands slipped off. They had no strength. Flashes of pain went through them.

Panting, she rested a moment. The three men were arguing.

Zorie saw the kitchen door slowly opening. She thought it was being blown open by the wind, but there was no wind.

A man appeared. He came lurching into the doorway. A knife-like pain seemed to twist her heart. The man stood, swaying, with his head sagging.

His head, his face, his clothing were a mass of shining purple-red mud. What she could see of his face, under the mud, was battered almost beyond recognition. Blood and mud were indistinguishably intermingled.

Zorie stopped the scream as it rose in her throat. She whispered: "Steve! Steve!"

He carried in one hand two metal objects so covered with red mud that it was hard to recognize them.

He stared at her bleakly. She realized that he was so groggy he could hardly stand. He must have been lying half-conscious in mud all this time. He must have called on superhuman effort to keep this appointment with Basil Stromberg.

He stood, swaying drunkenly, staring at Zorie out of bloodshot, blurred blue eyes. With his head sagging, his arms limply beside him, his whole body caked with mud, he was even more frightening than Pierre had been.

Steve Duncan came lurching toward her. He moved as deliberately, as stiffly, as clumsily as a robot. He paused beside her and peered into her shocked white face. He dropped one of the revolvers or pistols into her lap.

In a strange, rumbling voice, he said: "Use this, baby."

Her relief was so great that a spasm of hysteria shot through her.

He staggered drunkenly past her and into the living-room. A sense of warmth and strength flowed magically into her. Steve Duncan was, suddenly, more than a man; she loved him. He was Man—the undefeatable. Beaten and battered and left for dead in the red mud, he had made himself get up and come here.

She thought: "We'll probably not get out of this alive, but I've seen the most glorious thing in my life. I've seen a man who was beaten to death refuse to accept it. I've seen a man prove that mankind can't be beaten down!"

The man was in the next room, saying in his strange, rumbling, unearthly voice: "Hands up—all of you!"

There was a sudden, short silence. It was followed by an outburst of sound. A gun went off. There were other sounds.

Zorie was trying to pick up the revolver or the pistol in her lap. But her hands were useless. She thought of what Steve had done—the agonies he must have gone through to get here.

She tried to stand up. There occurred, in the next room, a splintering sound, and a thump, as a door burst open.

She saw them from the window. There were three of them—Steve, Pierre and Mr. Lanning, all locked together, a straining mass of muddy men. Their feet slid about in the red mud.

With a superhuman effort, she picked up the gun in her lap. It slid out of her hand. She reached down for a handful of her sun-bleached evening dress. She tried to swab the mud off the gun.

She watched the fighting men. She wondered where Basil Stromberg was.

The three men were still locked together, floundering about in the mud, with Pierre and Mr. Lanning striking at Steve. There was a revolver in Mr. Lanning's right hand. Steve's hand was closed tightly about Mr. Lanning's wrist. His hand holding the revolver was above his head and the revolver was pointing to the sky.

Pierre stepped away. He reached up for the revolver and pulled it out of Mr. Lanning's hand. Then he stepped back. He started to circle about them.

Mr. Lanning had one arm about Steve's neck. With the hand that had been holding the revolver, he swung repeatedly at Steve's face. They spun about in the mud.

Zorie found herself on her feet with the automatic pistol in her hand. She did not know how she had got to her feet, or how her hand had acquired the strength to grasp the pistol.

She moved with dragging steps toward the living-room. She passed through the doorway. She saw Mr. Stromberg lying near the front door on his back, with one arm thrown over his eyes.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

The Once Over

by H.I. Phillips

LET THE WIFE CLEAR THE SNOW!

Elmer Twitchell sees nothing new in the contention of a health officer that professional men or other light workers invite heart failure by shoveling snow, and that it is better to let their wives do it, if more hardened to physical exertions by housework.

"This has always been the theory followed in my home," declared Elmer today.

"Mrs. Twitchell handles all snow problems. I have always been somewhat flabby, due to the fact I am chiefly a thinker, a philosopher and the non-muscular type. I never wanted the wife to get in the shape I am in, and always encouraged her to keep fit. It has been our mutual understanding that she should do her own housework, including washing, ironing and scrubbing. Comes winter and she is in condition to give it a battle!"

"The way the little woman can toss the snow around is a caution. She can dig a path to the woodshed while I am contemplating the removal of a few flakes from a door sill and I am happy to say she can shovel out to the chicken house and around the clothes lines without taking a deep breath. I gave her a new snow shovel for her birthday."

"I'm having her take care of the furnace, too, as this is a tough winter and I can never tell when a blizzard may sweep over us."

Elmer says he got the idea from his grandpa. "The blizzard of 1888 caught grandpa flatfooted," Elmer explains. "His wife had both an upstairs and a downstairs maid, and was in no shape for snow shoveling."

"Grandpa tackled the big storm alone but petered out the forenoon of the first day. He yelled for grandpa to grab a snow shovel and carry on. But she was only able to keep shoveling the first two days and nights. On the third day she cracked."

"Grandpa fired the two maids at once and never let grandpa have any help whatever around the house from that hour on."

"Grandma never lost a battle with a blizzard after that. In fact the contest got so one-sided that it got monotonous and grandpa picked up the whole family every winter and moved up around Manitoba where the snowfalls would give grandma tougher competition."

"The weather says snow tomorrow," he remarked to Elmer. "Let it come," he said. "The wife's ready."

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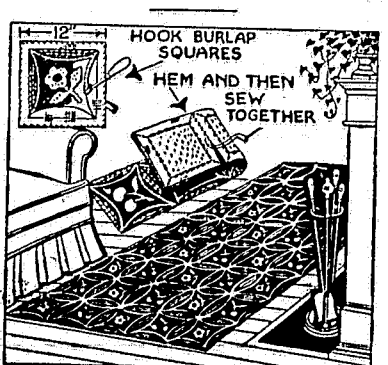
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Baste velvets with silk thread. This leaves no mark of basting.

When a light bulb breaks off, leaving the top screw part in the socket, first be sure that the current is turned off. Then insert a cork into the socket and turn to remove the cap.

Use the cardboard from your husband's shirts between your linens to keep them in order and easy to remove when only one piece is desired.

When washing a knitted wool garment, don't lift it out of the water, as the weight of the wet garment will stretch it. Squeeze suds through instead and support the garment firmly with the hands. Gentle always is first rule in right wool care.

To freshen a felt hat that becomes soiled, rub lightly with fine sandpaper. Go over the entire surface in order to avoid a spotted effect.

Rayon threads are plenty weak when wet. Therefore, have a care when straightening stocking seams, pulling up hose, or removing them after having been caught in a shower.



BROWN ACTS OLD TODAY

DUE TO MUSCULAR PAINS!

Naturally a man looks old beyond his years when he's sore from lumbago or other muscle pains. The famous McKesson Laboratories developed Soretone Liniment for those cruel pains—due to exposure, strain, fatigue or over-exercise. Get the blessed relief of Soretone's cold heat action:

1. Quickly Soretone acts to enhance local circulation.
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3. Help reduce local swelling.
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Soretone contains methyl salicylate, a most effective pain-relieving agent. There's only one Soretone. Insist on it for Soretone results. 50¢. A big bottle, only \$1.

MONEY BACK—If Soretone doesn't satisfy

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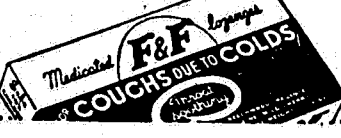
REALLY S-O-O-T-H-ING

because they're really medicated



COUGH LOZENGES

Soothe your throat all the way down—far below the gargle line. Each F & F Lozenge gives your throat a 15 minute soothing, comforting treatment. Used by millions for coughs, throat irritations or hoarseness resulting from colds or smoking. Only 10¢ box.

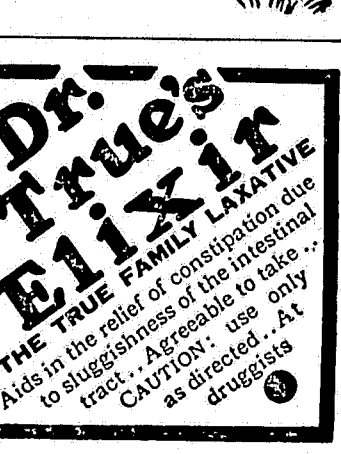


SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Rubber does not enter into the making of tents, yet the demand for military tents has reduced the manufacture of passenger car tires. Tire cord and yarn for tent duck are made with the same machinery.

Assuming that the trees are in reasonably good condition when the Far East rubber plantations are re-occupied, experts anticipate that within two years some 1,600,000 tons of natural rubber will be made available, enough to fill one year's estimated needs. That is why B. F. Goodrich officials believe civilians will still have to depend upon synthetic rubber forage in addition to that required for natural security.



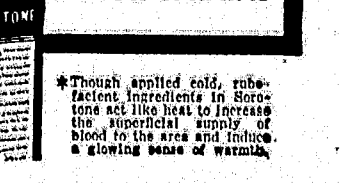
Heat Pickup
In the split second that is required to light a safety match on the surface of the container, the heat of the friction increases the temperature of the head to its ignition point of between 333 and 388 degrees Fahrenheit.



SORETONE

soothes fast with COLD HEAT ACTION

MUSCULAR LUMBAGO OR BACKACHE due to fatigue or exposure
MUSCULAR PAINS due to strain
SORE MUSCLES due to overwork
MINOR SPRAINS



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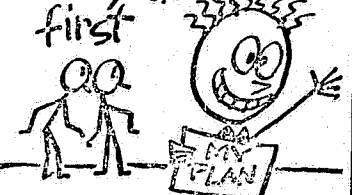
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Carl L. Brown, Publisher

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1945

Don Herold says:

He's crazy-but most big men have been thought crazy at first



I am getting tired of the defense of every low crook with the old line: "That's what they've said about every great man who ever lived."

If some lunatic comes along with an obviously idiotic scheme to bring Utopia in two months, you don't dare to laugh or protest. His friends will proclaim: "They said the Wright brothers were crazy, and Henry Ford, and Columbus and Newton and Galileo."

Yes, but they forget that for every genius who was called crazy, there were a million guys who really WERE CRAZY.

We can't turn the counter over to any nut who comes along, simply because a few nuts in the past turned out to be right.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"At last Douglas MacArthur is in my iron trap!"—Jap Gen. Yamashita, retreating from Manila.

"Too many people are writing letters anyway."—H. Hansen, temporary postman explaining why he ditched 200 in Los Angeles.

"The Fifth Freedom—Opportunity of Enterprise—will get the spotlight free and competitive enterprise is the only 'road to plenty'."—R. F. Williams, exec. vice pres., Assoc. Industries of Mass.

"A great many people don't know there's a war on, or don't seem to care."—Bertie Pyle, returning to the Pacific.

"There is no limit to what America can do if the full productivity of her people is tapped."—Pres J. F. Lincoln, Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland.

"Congress is in a mind to put everybody to work except Henry Wallace."—Howard Brubaker, columnist.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Did you see, says Henry, where this Mr. Biddle got a black eye and finished in second place in his Chicago crack-down? Yes, I says. And do you know, he says, he may be now known by the street name of 'Biddle' with 3 sheets to the wind, he was bragging how good he was. Go ahead, I says, I have heard it 25 times, but the old ones are the best, so proceed. Henry is pretty good at the old ones. And furthermore, you only hear a new joke once per annum. The only new one I heard all last year was the one where Mr. Marx was telling about Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay, where Dewey said, "You can fire Gridley when you are ready." So they ups and fires Gridley.

But back to the guy with 3 sheets—he got bolder as he got tighter. He could lick his weight in wildcats—and still nobody said anything. Finally he branched out further—he could pulverize every cowardly varmint in the house, or the U. S. A. When he woke up and found his black eye and got himself dusted off, he said, "Boys, I reckon I took in a little too much territory in that last remark."

There is a Waterloo around most corners—for the cheery.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Buy War Bonds
TODAY
For Future Needs



"BELIEVE ME, IF I HAD TO PAY ANY TAXES I'D DO IT EARLY!"



George S. Benson

President—Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Government Rebate

Excess is a bad thing; everybody is against it. Every time the word is mentioned it brings up recollections of paying excess baggage on a trunk, or recalls some friend whose doctor has warned him against excess fat or excess sugar. "Excess" always makes you think of something that's fine in moderation but very bad, dangerous, sinful maybe, if there is any extra.

It would have been a good thing for the United States and everybody in it, if the man who first said "excess profit" had used a term that meant exactly something. Excess baggage is everything over 150 pounds, of course, and doctors know precisely what excess fat or excess sugar is when they find it, but what is excess profit? Who knows what it is? Quite often it is the unfair use of an ugly word.

Taxed at 85 Per Cent.

There is such a thing as excess profit, without a doubt; easier to recognize than define. What the government calls excess profit however, may not always be too much. I think everybody has a right to know just what it is that corporations earn and then have to pay 85 cents out of every dollar back to the government in a special tax. Consider this:

The war choked out a few firms completely, but a majority kept going, and soon found their sales swollen by war conditions. Costs increased too, but, even so, most of them are making much bigger profits annually before taxes than they did in a good average year of business before the war. The 1940 tax law calls profits "excess" if they are greater in any one year than the average annual profits of 1936 through 1939.

Gift From Government.

Along with increased costs, born of war, many big corporations enjoy economies also incidental to war. Costs can usually come down with greatly increased volume, and many manufacturers are selling everything they make to the government as fast as they can make it. Some are relieved entirely of sales expense and kindred expenses like merchandising, warehousing, deterioration, etc.

Business establishments with government contracts do not offer much protest against a stiff tax on war profits. Business men are able to see sense in it. They have generally given liberal discounts to big-volume buyers whose orders keep plants busy and unit costs down. Government is always a close buyer; price cuts to government departments are certainly nothing new.

Excess Profits Next.

Technically, the excess profits taxes that corporations pay now are not price concessions because the firms actually get the money and pay it back later. It is almost precisely a rebate to the government for its big purchases. The only difference is that our excess profits tax is a law. War contracts are worded to cancel themselves the day war ends, but the tax law has to be repealed by Congress or stay in force.

If our 85% excess profits tax law is not amended to end with the war, American manufacturers will have to keep on rebating the government after the government quits buying. Selling and warehousing costs will return; there will be no big customer savings to divide with anybody.

If manufacturers pay government 85% of any part of post-war profits, they must hike prices. That will be an "excess," really, and the whole burden of it will fall on us average consumers. We can only protect ourselves by having proper tax legislation created now, to go into effect as soon as the war ends.

Japan replaced the Samurai, or warrior class, with universal military conscription in 1877.

To Carl L. Brown, a Citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

GREETINGS—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Odeon Hall, in said Town of Bethel, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1945, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Polls will open for balloting on elective officers upon order of the Moderator and will be closed at five o'clock in the afternoon.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To hear and act on reports of the several town officers for the year ending December 31, 1944.
- Art. 3. To establish the price the following officers shall receive for their services: (a) Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; (b) Town Clerk; (c) Treasurer; (d) Road Commissioner.
- Art. 4. To establish the price to be paid for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
- Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of Common Schools, for the year 1945.
- Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Secondary Schools for the year 1945.
- Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Textbooks for the year 1945.
- Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Supplies for the year 1945.
- Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school houses for the year 1945.
- Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school houses for the year 1945.
- Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician for the year 1945.
- Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of School Superintendent, for the year 1945.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the Northwest Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$1.00 to pay for same, this purchase to be made on condition that the lot be kept fenced by the Town.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the East Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$1.00 to pay for same, this purchase to be made on condition that the lot be kept fenced by the Town.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to close the upper grade room at the West Bethel school.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to close the upper grade room at the East Bethel school.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be paid to Gould Academy as an expression of appreciation for making possible the opportunities afforded the seventh and eighth grade pupils for instruction in music and physical education, this amount to be shared by the three members of the Gould faculty who teach the above named subjects to the grammar school pupils.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a lot of land, approximately 45 sq. rd. adjoining the present East Bethel school lot and raise and appropriate \$50 to pay for same, this lot, if purchased to be included in the Town's fencing of the entire school lot.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Bethel, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1945.
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Maintenance of Roads, for the year 1945.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing of Roads and Streets, for the year 1945.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provision of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1286.10 for the joint expenses for maintenance on State and State Aid Highways as provided by Chapter 28, Section 9, and Section 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapter 149 P. L. 1935.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$925, for the Maintenance of the Third Class Roads for the year 1945 as required by law in Section 44 and 46, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes 1930 as amended by Section 4 and 5 of Chapter 229 Public Laws 1937.

CITIZEN SERVICE RECORD

Name	Born	19
Home Address	Place of Birth	
Names of Parents		
Their Address		
Education details		
School Activities		
Employment Record		
Married to	Date	19
Children	Place	
Family (brothers, sisters)		
MILITARY RECORD: Entered Service	19	Branch
Basic Training At	from	to
Other Training		
Promotions		
Served with (Division, regiment, company, ships, other —dates)		
Battles, Campaigns, etc.		
Citations, etc.		

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE — Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Miss Betty Ward of Bethel, spent the week end with Marion Lapham at A. A. Bruce worked on the snow plow Thursday.

Mrs. Myrtle Keniston and daughter, Lona, spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr and Mrs Lucien Andrews.

Ray Andrews was a recent caller at Walter Lord's, North Waterford.

Mr and Mrs Leon Millett were at Fred Littlefield's Sunday.

Alfred Leighton helped Harry Spring one day last week.

Mr and Mrs Ray Andrews and children visited at Mr and Mrs Fred Hersey's, North Waterford, Sunday.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to finish construction of Tyler Street.
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2234.24 to pay for the Chevrolet truck, dump body and plow purchased in November 1944.
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new truck, body and plow in 1945 if priority can be obtained.
- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of sewers for the year 1945.
- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor, for the year 1945.
- Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' bills, for the year 1945.
- Art. 33. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.
- Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observance.
- Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.
- Art. 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.
- Art. 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expense of fire pumper and fires for 1945.
- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$838.90 to pay for 821 ft. of fire hose purchased after the Davis fire.
- Art. 39. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for care of old cemeteries during the year 1945.
- Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.
- Art. 41. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of books during the coming year for all inhabitants of the Town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good use of the books.
- Art. 42. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to care for the interest on notes and temporary loans for 1945.
- Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to purchase Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on any or all of the motor driven vehicles owned by the Town of Bethel and raise money for same.
- Art. 44. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the Town and to take up outstanding notes against the Town or to renew the same with new notes, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the municipal officers of the Town.
- Art. 45. To see if the Town, for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the Town of Bethel to pay indebtedness of said Town due and to become due during the present municipal year, the same to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the present municipal year, will authorize and direct its Treasurer to borrow from time to time a sum of money, or sums of money, not exceeding \$50,000, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the municipal officers of the Town.
- Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and convey real estate owned by the town under tax deeds or under tax liens to such persons for such prices and upon such terms as said Selectmen and Treasurer in their judgment and discretion may determine for the best interests of the Town and to execute in behalf of the inhabitants of said Town such deeds or other instruments of conveyance as may be required to complete such sales and conveyances.
- Art. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.
- Art. 48. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, one member of the School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, and Road Commissioner.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 5th, 1945 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until time for the polls to close.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, A. D. 1945.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
CARROLL E. ABBOTT
RODNEY K. HOWE
Selectmen of Bethel

A true copy, Attest:
Carl L. Brown, a Citizen of the Town of Bethel.

WEST PARK

Mrs. Geneva Tu

There were 21 at a benefit bridge for the benefit of Roll at the home Saturday night. realized from the attending were Mrs. Cole, Mr and Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Stanley Penley, Joseph Penley, Black, Mr and Mrs. Leon Hadley, Gray, Mr and Mrs. Lester Penley, Mrs. Phila Mayhew, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Albert J. Penley, Mrs. Floyd Abner Mann. M. held high score. Dymond received 100 held high score. men with Lester.

The V Club on effort party for the home of the new dent, Mrs. Leone day. A 6:30 supper. The five tables decorated for the waitresses were 1 Club: Beatrice Ross, Hazel And Dymond, Mrs. An fruit basket in 2 of Dorothy Ross, won the prize in contest. A swap the evening's enjoyment was earned by Red Cross. Those the Club member Welch, Mrs. Cl Jessie Weston. Nances, Miss Lill wana Palmer, 1 ker, Mrs. Hazel I trude Rich, Mrs. Miss Myrtle Elm Stone, Mrs. Ursula Black, Mrs. Milla

A very impress held at the Un Sunday morning of the Youth I Miss Georgena B their behalf a (the Church which First Trustee, E recitation was Pecham and a sal can and Christi Bacon and Stanle was special music

CARD OF THANK I wish to expre tion and thanks Bethel and Serv fine box sent me T-Sgt ARTH

STATE O

Oxford ss

Taken this se February A. D. 1 dated February 1 a judgment rende for Court for the November Term, the tenth day of 1945, in favor of against Wida, 4 in said County, 0 damage, and .15 issued on said ju be sold at public steps of the Cou in said County, 0 der on the twe March at 10:00 o noon, the followi estate and all the interest which the Twaddle has and (the same on the 4 February, A. D. 1 in the forenoon, of redemption o from the encumbr

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ALBERT

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

There were eight tables in play at a benefit bridge party sponsored for the benefit of the local Honor Roll at the home of Edwin J. Mann Saturday night. About \$16 was realized from the evening. Those attending were Mr and Mrs Lorenzo Cole, Mr and Mrs Harold Wagar, Mr and Mrs Roscoe Doughty, Mr and Mrs Maynard Chase, Mr and Mrs Stanley Penley, Mr and Mrs Joseph Penley, Mr and Mrs Alton Black, Mr and Mrs Ronald Ross, Mrs Leon Hatley, Miss Agnes Gray, Mr and Mrs William Slattery, Lester Penley, Mrs Maud Day, Mrs Phila Mayhew, Mrs Roy Dymment, Mrs Odell Rich, Jr, Mr and Mrs Albert Jackson, Mrs Ethel Penley, Mrs Floyd Dean, Mr and Mrs Abner Mann, Miss Agnes Gray held high score while Mrs Roy Dymment received low. Joseph Penley held high score for the gentlemen with Lester Penley low.

The V Club entertained at a benefit party for the Red Cross at the home of the newly elected president, Mrs Leone Penley, Wednesday. A 6:30 supper was served. The five tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion. The waitresses were members of the V Club: Beatrice Jackson, Dorothy Ross, Hazel Andrews and Beatrice Dymment. Mrs Anne Black won the fruit basket in a game in charge of Dorothy Ross. Miss Lillian Ross won the prize in an identification contest. A swap party concluded the evening's enjoyment. Over \$20 was earned by the Club for the Red Cross. Those present besides the Club members were: Mrs Pearl Welch, Mrs Clara Gordon, Mrs Jessie Weston, Mrs Stephanie Norcross, Miss Lillian Ross, Mrs Edwina Palmer, Mrs Virginia Fowler, Mrs Hazel Penham, Mrs Gertrude Rich, Mrs Aris Stelhorn, Miss Myrtle Emery, Mrs Gertrude Stone, Mrs Ursula Swift, Mrs Anne Black, Mrs Miriam Mayblom.

A very impressive service was held at the Universalist Church Sunday morning when the leader of the Youth Fellowship Group, Miss Georgena Buck, presented on their behalf a Christian Flag to the Church which was accepted by First Trustees, Edwin J. Mann. A recitation was given by Sidney Penham and a salute to the American and Christian flags by Vance Bacon and Stanley Doughty. There was special music.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the people of Bethel and Service Club for the fine box sent me at Christmas.

T-Sgt ARTHUR BENNETT

STATE OF MAINE

Oxford ss February 17, 1945
Taken this seventeenth day of February A. D. 1945 on execution dated February 16, 1945, issued on a judgment rendered by the Superior Court for the County of Oxford, November Term, 1944, to wit, on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1945, in favor of Agnes B. Twaddle against Wild B. Twaddle of Bethel, in said County for \$2,120, debt or damage, and 15 cost of execution issued on said judgment and will be sold at public auction on the steps of the Courthouse at Paris in said County to the highest bidder on the twenty-first day of March at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title, and interest which the said Wild B. Twaddle has and he is bound to the same on the seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1945 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, including the right of redemption of said premises from the encumbrances thereon.

A certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Rumford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, bounded northerly by Andover town line, easterly by land now or formerly owned by Albert Gileris, southerly by land now or formerly owned by Leroy Richardson, westerly by the Andover road.

Also, another lot or parcel of land lying in said Rumford, bounded as follows: northerly by Andover town line, easterly by said Andover road, southerly by land now or formerly of Leroy Richardson, westerly by Ellis River.

Also, another lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Andover, being lot 1 in range 2, east side.

Also, another lot or parcel of land situated in said Andover, consisting of 1/2 in common and undivided, in lot 16, range 2, east side.

Also, another lot or parcel of land situated in Gilead, in said County, bounded as follows: northerly by the public way, easterly by Bethel town line, and land now or formerly of Chester Wheeler, and George Goodnow, southerly by land now or formerly of George Goodnow or his estate, westerly by land now or formerly of F. L. Ordway and A. R. Mason.

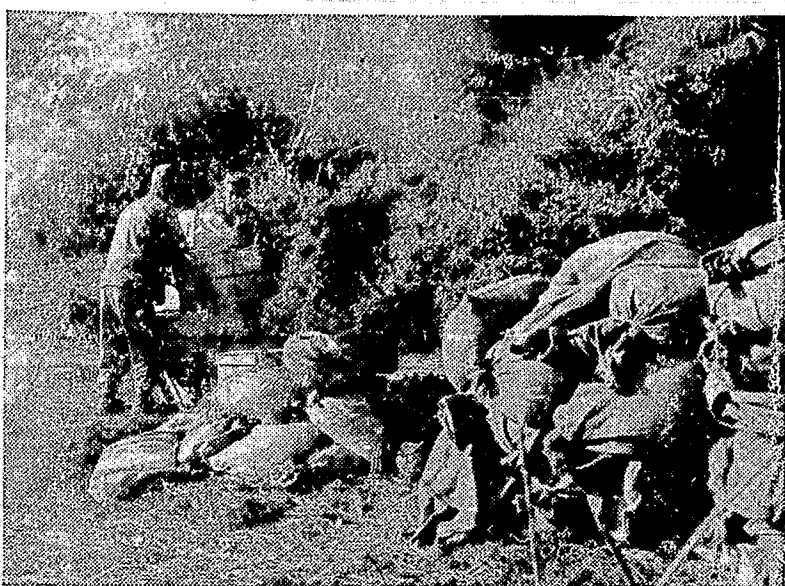
Also another lot or parcel of land situated in said Gilead, being so much of lot 1, range 16 as lies southerly of the public way.

Also, another lot or parcel of land situated in said Gilead, bounded and described as follows: bounded on the east by land now or formerly owned by A. J. Blake, southerly by the Androscoggin River, northerly by the public way for part of the distance and the Riley town line the remainder of the distance, and westerly by land now or formerly owned by Fred A. Wright, said property known as the John Wright farm.

Also, another lot or parcel of land, being an island in the Androscoggin River, lying south westerly of the above described John Wright farm.

ALBERT S. GROVER
Deputy Sheriff

Supplies via Air



Boxes of supplies are being stacked up beside a field where a task force, on the march near Tai, Burma, is receiving rations dropped from the air. War Bonds help supply these soldiers, fighting against insuperable odds, in the dense jungles.

Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo

From U. S. Treasury

EAST BETHEL

Freeman Merrill was called home by the serious illness of his father, A. R. Merrill. He came home Saturday morning and has to be back in camp Friday noon.

Doctors were called Sunday to attend Grace Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lewis Smith, and Victor Robinson, who has had several sick spells this winter. Others on the sick list are the children of Leonard Coolidge and Almon Coolidge, Gary Smith, Bobby Crockett, and Nancy Haines.

Carl Swan Jr, has gone to Dixfield where he has employment.

Mr and Mrs Leslie Noyes were in Norway Friday. Mrs Noyes attended a meeting of the Executive board of the Oxford County Farm Bureau.

Caroline Olson was discharged Sunday from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and is now at the home of Mr and Mrs Allan Lindblad in Winchester.

Miss Mildred Olson returned to Washington, D. C. Sunday after a winter day vacation spent with her parents. Mr and Mrs Jorgen Olson.

Henry Merrill who has been visiting his brother, A. R. Merrill at the home of Mrs Alfred Curtis for past week returned to his home in Dixfield Monday.

Mr and Mrs Wendell Edmunds and baby of Norway were week end guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs S. D. Harrington. Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Harrington were Mrs Rhoda Mackay and Lewis Powers of Norway.

Mrs Chester Harrington and daughter, Judith, went to Norway with Mr and Mrs Edmunds Sunday, and Monday went to York to visit her mother, Mrs Remington and family.

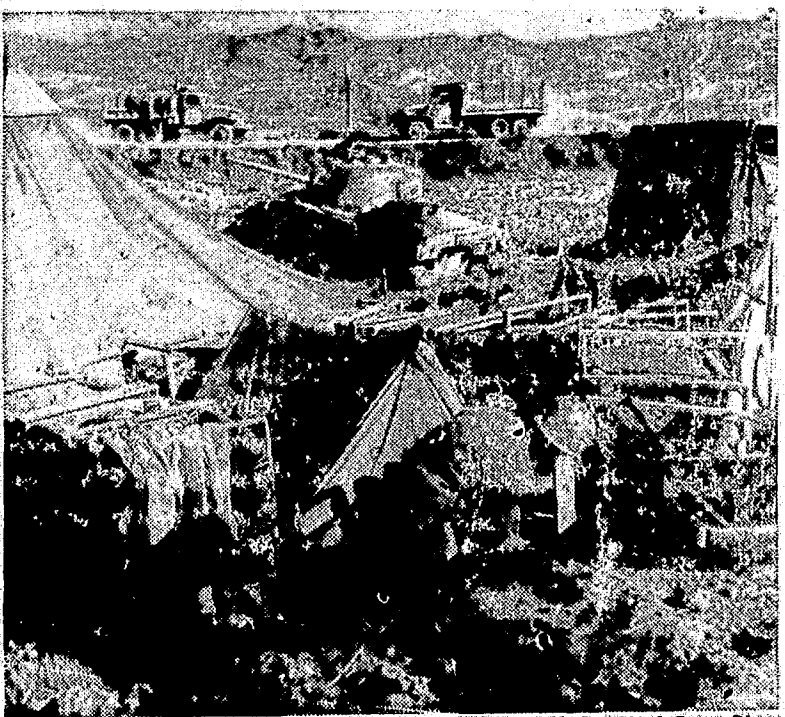
Mrs Victor Brooks went to Bath Monday to visit Miss Ruthetta Brooks who is in the hospital there.

Mrs Jorgen Olson, Mrs Earl Morgan of Bethel, Miss Gina Olson and Mrs Bertha Cummings of South Paris visited Mrs Morgan's daughter, Barbara, in Gardiner, Sunday.

The Women's Farm Bureau held a meeting at the home of Mrs J. C. Bartlett. Twelve people ate dinner served by Miss Mabel Abbott and Mrs Edith Howe. Seven land bugs were started and twelve more handles were ordered. The next meeting will be held March 20 at the home of Mrs Guy Bartlett.

The men's Farm Bureau held a demonstration of selective cutting and power chain saw on the wood lot of R. D. Hastings with Mr Nutting, State Forestry Specialist from Orono and Mr Williams, National Forestry Specialist, Washington, D. C. and Herbert Leonard, County Agent of South Paris in charge of the demonstration. Fifteen men from various parts of the town were present and were quite enthusiastic about the way the chain saw worked both in cutting down trees and sawing them into bolts.

House by the Side of the Road



An American soldier in Italy works on his tent, using shell containers and packed dirt as protection against shrapnel. In the background is a tank moored in the mud while beyond is a transport supply road. Help this soldier return to a real home by backing him with War Bonds.

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HANOVER

Correspondent—Mrs. W. W. Worcester

A State plane landed on Howard Lake Tuesday of last week, taking on Game Warden Leon Wilson for a cruising expedition.

Mrs Dora Richardson has recently been on the sick list.

The Ladies Aid meeting was at the home of Mrs Chester Cummings last Friday, where a delicious dinner was served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs Isobel Croteau and Mrs Marion Richardson. Fourteen ladies were present. A World Day of Prayer program was conducted by Mrs Marie Abbott. The next meeting will be the afternoon of March 7 at the home of Mrs Blanche Worcester.

Mrs Amy Marston spent Sunday at the home of her son, Charlie Hopkins, Rumford Point.

Mrs Ruth Hopkins was working in town on Monday.

Mrs Marion Richardson is librarian for February.

Several from here attended the funeral of John F. Martin at Rumford Point, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

BRYANT POND

Mrs Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Judith Grover Tent, No 17 held their regular business meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th at the home of Mrs Inez Whitman. There were thirteen members present.

Plans were made for a family supper to be held Saturday evening, Feb. 24th at the home of Mrs Arthur Andrews. Members and their families are all cordially invited to attend with the price of admission set at only ten cents. The Pres. appointed the following supper committee: Bessie Andrews, Iva Farrier and Clara Whitman.

After the meeting a Valentine box was enjoyed. Refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and tea were served by Alice Wardwell and Helen Ring.

Mrs Stanley Smith and daughter, Wanda have gone to Hampton, Va. to be with Lt. Smith, who is an instructor at Langley Field.

Mrs Albert Timore and Miss Corrine King of Newton, Mass. visited their parents, Mr and Mrs Ralph King several days recently.

Lloyd Fuller has moved his family to Norway. Miss Stella Noyes plans to work for Mrs Fuller.

Mr and Mrs Guy Emery and two children of Rumford were week end guests of Mr and Mrs Matthew Greene.

Mr and Mrs Delphon Howe of Gorham, N. H. were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs Fannie Howe.

Mrs Fred Judkins and Miss Margaret Howe went to Portland for the week end to see Corporal Fred Judkins, who is stationed at Fort Peble.

GREENWOOD CITY

Mr and Mrs Clyde Morgan, Mr and Mrs Helen Curtis, and Mr and Mrs Fred Curtis were Sunday callers at Ernest Curtis', Tubbs District.

Eino Tamminen has returned from Boston and is gaining.

The pupils enjoyed a Valentine party at the school house Friday afternoon. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Pupils having one hundred in spelling for the week ending February 16 were all members of grade five. Mary Tamminen, Joan Tamminen, Kello Saarinen, Michael Waisanen and Alta Millott of grade four; Patricia Tamminen.

Mr and Mrs Karl Waisanen and family of Warren were callers in town Thursday.

Mr and Mrs Emil Heikinen of West Paris, Mr and Mrs Ernest Smith and daughter, Thelma of Portland visited one evening last week at Edgar Davis.

Mr and Mrs Leslie Abbott recently called on his sister, Mrs George Abbott and husband.

Mr and Mrs Clinton Buck were at Norway Saturday evening.

Mrs Arthur Whitman was at Berlin, Saturday.

Eleanor Wing was a week end guest of Christine Knights.

Mr and Mrs Herman Cole, son Richard, and Clarence Smith were at Norway Saturday.

Mrs Edgar Davis recently called on Mrs Durward Lang at Locke Mills.

Hanno Cushman was at the Rumford Hospital and had his teeth extracted.

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NEWRY CORNER

The Farm Bureau meets with Mrs Bertha Davis this week February 21 for a meeting on Making Yeast and Dessert Breads.

Rexford Powers has been home on a furlough with his parents.

School at Rumford Point closes Wednesday for the remainder of the week. School was in session last Saturday to make up for Friday of this week.

Selectmen have been working on the town reports lately.

Mrs William Walker is visiting her daughter's family in Manchester, N. H. for two weeks, while her daughter Mrs William Brooke is here with her father and son.

Mrs Marion Thurston and Mrs Eleanor Pugliese were home over the week end.

Anthony Pugliese, husband of Mrs Eleanor Pugliese, who was wounded in France is now hospitalized in a Massachusetts Hospital where he is receiving treatment.

SONGO POND

Carroll Buck is staying at A. B. Kimball's to do the chores and go to school.

Mrs Bee Osgood called on Mrs Mae Grindle Monday afternoon.

Mrs Bee Osgood and Mrs Marion Newell and little daughter and Leroy Buck and Floyd Kimball were in Norway Sunday to see Mr and Mrs Bob Thompson and Mr and Mrs Rommy Smith at South Paris.

Hollis Grindle returned to his job in the woods for Leslie Kimball Monday after helping Leon Millett with the ice business.

Robert Chapman has gone to Pearl Harbor.

Mr and Mrs Leon Millett and son Russell were in North Waterford Sunday on business.

Irving Green and Ernest Grover of North Waterford were callers at Mrs Maud Grindle's Sunday.

Ray Jewell is trucking pulpwood to Rumford for Leslie Kimball.

Isaac Childs is visiting his mother, Mrs Mary Childs at Minot Corner.

Mrs Ethel Childs and little daughter, Juanita have gone to live with her parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Mason at Locke Mills for a while.

Evelyn Grindle is ill at this writing with a bad cold and unable to go to school.

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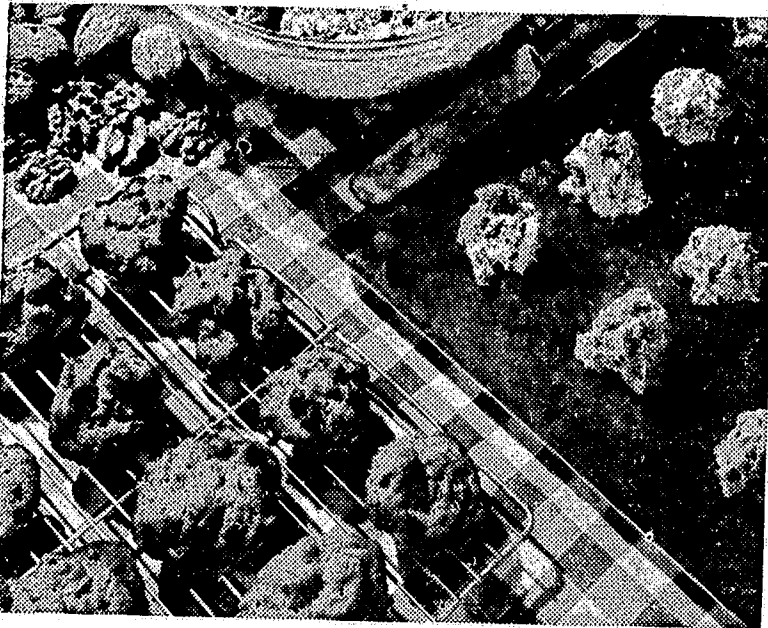
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Less Than a Cup of Sugar Solves Dessert Problem
(See Recipes Below)

Dessert Fancies

When your tables aren't set with just exactly the meat you'd like to serve, or when meals tend to become monotonous then give your family a dessert that's really elegant. It'll make up for a lot of omissions in the easiest way.

No, I'm not going to give you a lot of recipes calling for sugar or high-point canned fruits. I'm going to tell you of simple but fanciful desserts that will make it seem like you're splurging.

A bit of the right tang in a pudding, a colorful cake with an unusual icing or a sweet tidbit like marmalade scones are some of the sweets I'm recommending. They'll keep the sugar budget in trim condition and still satisfy sweet-tooths.

*Pudding Princess.

(Serves 5-6)

3 egg yolks
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
2 tablespoons cold water
¼ cup lemon juice
3 stiffly beaten egg whites

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Add lemon peel; gradually beat in sugar. Soften gelatin in cold water. Add lemon juice and gelatin to egg yolk mixture. Fold in whites. Pour into an oiled mold. Chill. Unmold, and serve with stewed dried fruits or stirred custard sauce.

Sponge cake with two eggs? Baked in 30 minutes? Yes, it's possible if you'll follow this recipe. It doesn't have to be iced but you'll like it with the simple baked-on icing:

Lightning Sponge Cake.

2 eggs
¼ cup sugar
1 cup sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon butter
½ cup hot milk

Beat eggs until thick and light. Slowly add sugar and beat with a spoon for five minutes. Fold in sifted dry ingredients into egg and sugar mixture all at once. Melt butter in hot milk and add all at once. The folding of the milk and dry ingredients should take only about 1 minute.

Bake in a waxed-paper-lined 8-inch square pan in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 30 minutes.

Baked-On Frosting.

1 egg white, beaten stiff
¼ teaspoon baking powder
¼ cup brown sugar or honey
¼ cup chopped nuts

Add baking powder to the egg white which has been beaten. Add the sugar or honey gradually, blending in gradually, then spread over cake while it is still hot. Sprinkle with ½ cup nuts. Bake in a moderate oven until lightly browned.

Minimum is the description of ingredients for these delectable scones made into a whirl. A coffee cake dressed up like this one will go nicely for dessert.

Lynn Says:

Colorful Combinations: Salmon steaks with egg sauce, home-canned string beans, hashed brown potatoes, jellied tomato aspic, apricot strip pie, beverage.

Spaghetti in tomato sauce, salad of mixed greens, tray of radishes, pickles and dark olives, dark rye bread or bread sticks, and stewed plums.

Kidneys in rice-parsley ring, brown sauce, green peas and celery, cabbage, apple and orange salad, pudding princess with sieved, sweetened apricots.

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Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu

Baked Stuffed Meat
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Spinach
Jellied Apple Salad
Parker House Rolls
*Pudding Princess
*Recipe Given

Marmalade Scone Whirl.

(Makes 1 10-inch coffee cake)

2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
¼ cup shortening
1 egg
½ cup milk
1½ cups citrus marmalade

Sift together all dry ingredients. Cut or rub in shortening. Beat egg and add milk. Add to flour mixture. Stir only enough to moisten. Spread dough into greased 10-inch pan. With fingertips press dough down in grooves an inch wide, making a circular pattern. Make first groove one inch from edge of pan and second 1½ inches from first. Fill grooves with citrus marmalade. Bake in a moderately hot (400-degree) oven 20 minutes.

In a recent survey among homemakers, it was discovered that the biggest leftover problem was that of stale bread. Combined with healthful eggs and milk, this leftover bread can make a delectable pudding:

Bread Pudding.

(Serves 8)

2 cups dry bread cubes
4 cups milk
1 tablespoon butter
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
4 slightly beaten eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Soak bread in milk for 5 minutes. Add butter, salt and sugar. Pour slowly over eggs; add vanilla extract and mix well. Pour into a greased baking dish. Bake in a pan of hot water in a moderate (350-degree) oven until firm, about 50 minutes.

Variations of Bread Pudding.

Raisin Pudding: Add ½ cup seed raisins before baking. Serve with lemon sauce.

Butterscotch Bread Pudding: Substitute brown sugar for white.

Chocolate Bread Pudding: Melt 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate in hot milk before adding bread. Serve with butter or foamy sauce.

Lemon Sauce.

½ cup sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup boiling water

2 tablespoons butter or substitute

1½ teaspoons lemon juice

Mix dry ingredients in order given. Gradually add water and cook over low heat until thick and clear. Add butter and lemon juice and blend thoroughly.

Victory Cookies.

1½ cups sifted flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

¼ teaspoon cloves

2 cups broken walnuts

1½ cups each, pitted dates and raisins

½ cup shortening

½ cup brown sugar firmly packed

2 eggs

Mix and sift dry ingredients. Toss together with fruits and nuts. Cream shortening; beat in sugar; then eggs and flour mixture. Drop by spoonfuls on greased sheet and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for 12 minutes. These cookies become soft after several days.

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Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD'S newest juvenile star—all hands seem to agree on that—is a 12-year-old girl who can say more with a flash of her wondrous eyes than most veteran actors can put across with a full page of dialog. Those eyes, deep set pools of blue that probe right into your heart, are the first thing you notice about Elizabeth Taylor. The second is her indomitable will.

The two form an unbeatable combination. Elizabeth is a quiet, beautiful child who has "willed" her way to Hollywood success.

With any less determination she never would have won her opportunity to portray Velvet, the little heroine of "National Velvet." It is her outstanding Elizabeth Taylor performance in this picture that has lifted her to the stellar heights.

Since she first set foot on the MGM lot almost two years ago Elizabeth's heart has been set on playing Velvet. The studio's had the script since May, 1937, waiting for the right girl. Hundreds had been tested and many announced, but with no success. When Elizabeth approached Producer Pandro S. Berman she was told, "I'm sorry, honey, but I'm afraid you're not tall enough. Besides, Velvet has to ride a horse over a very difficult steeplechase course."

Spirit That Wins

"I can learn to do that," promptly declared the little girl. "And I can grow, too!"

In the next three months she did. To the amazement even of her family doctor she grew three inches.

This is explained by the fact that she suddenly developed an enormous appetite after being a finicky eater for years, and added two hours to her sleeping each night. It was all her own idea, and she stuck to it.

Elizabeth already knew and loved horses. She had learned to ride at the age of four while living in England. Now, during the three months she trained daily on jumps until she was clearing five foot hurdles with ease and grace.

When she confronted Berman again he, too, was amazed at her growth. He called Clarence Brown, and they watched her ride and jump and marveled some more. A technical test was made, and Velvet had been found.

Elizabeth was born in London, the daughter of Francis Taylor, art dealer, and the former Sara Southern, who played the little crippled girl in Channing Pollock's "The Fool" on the New York stage.

Elizabeth attended school at Byron house in London. She was seven when war clouds began to darken Europe and her father moved his family to America. They have since made their home in Beverly Hills.

Two years ago when her father was on duty as an air raid warden, Sam Marx, a Metro producer, was moaning to a fellow warden about not finding a child for "Lassie, Come Home," with Roddy McDowall. The man said, "Taylor, here, has a young daughter that would be good for that part." Sam said to Taylor, "Bring her over to my office tomorrow, will you?" Taylor did, and Elizabeth got the part.

On Her Way

After the Lassie picture she appeared with Roddy again in "White Cliffs of Dover," then was loaned to Twentieth for "Jane Eyre," as Jane's ill-fated school chum. Her death scenes marked the first real proof of her acting talent. Following this she achieved her goal of the title role in "National Velvet," in which she teams with Mickey Rooney.

Her next assignment was awaiting her, and she's now nearly finished "Hold High the Torch." It is a part to delight any child and particularly Elizabeth. In the cast with her are her old friend, Lassie, the collie dog star, and a collection of wild life, that includes a black bear, coyote, beaver, silver fox, squirrels, chipmunks, porcupines and even skunks. The set is a little girl's paradise in which Elizabeth revels.

Her mother phoned me the other day and said, "Hedda, Elizabeth is just dying to bring over her pet chipmunk to introduce him to your pet dog, Wolfe." Well, since I love Wolfe as she does her chip, I had to say: "Wait-until you can get her out of the house without an animal—then Wolfe will love to see her, and so will I."

With or without animals, Elizabeth will creep straight into your heart, and let me predict now, no amount of praise will ever spoil her.

And Now Comes the Dawn

Here's postwar planning that'll set Hollywood on its heels. An independent company is being formed by Leo McCarey, Frank Capra, Sam Wood, David Butler, George Stevens (when out of uniform), and Gregory La Cava. That's not bad. Bing Crosby's already tied in it for one picture a year. Only way actors and directors can have any money left is by an independent deal, it seems. Warners are smart in giving Bette Davis one picture a year to produce.

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Ernie Pyle With the Navy

Only a Fool Would Return to France

Writer Is on Despite All

By Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle is with the navy in the farthest reaches of the Pacific before his takeoff from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO—Well, it has been four months since France. In four months of non-habit. He forgets the rhythm of not making himself

This first column is a man-killer. Your mind automatically resents the task of focusing itself again. Your thoughts are scattered and you can't get them together to put onto paper. Words come hard. You have to think again. You curse the day you ever took up writing to make a living.

So until I'm once more immersed in the routine of daily writing, and transported once more into the one-track world of war, I'm afraid you'll have to be tolerant with me.

There's nothing nice about the prospect of going back to war again. Anybody who has been in war and wants to go back is a plain

damn fool in my book. I'm certainly not going because I've got itchy feet again, or because I can't stand America, or because there's any mystic fascination about war that is drawing me back.

I'm going simply because there's a war on and I'm part of it and I've known all the time I was going back. I'm going simply because I've got to—and I hate it.

This time it will be the Pacific. When I left France last fall we thought the war in Europe was about over. I say "we" because I mean almost everybody over there thought so. I felt it was so near the end I could come home and before the time came to go again, that side of the war would be finished, and only the Pacific would be left.

But it didn't turn out that way. Now nobody knows how long the European war will last. Naturally all my friends and associations and sentiments are on that side. I suppose down in my heart I would rather go back to that side. For over in Europe I know the tempo of the battle; I feel at home with it in a way.

And yet I think it's best to stick with the original plan and go on to the Pacific. There are a lot of guys in that war, too. They are the same guys who are fighting on the other side, only with different names, that's all. It is not belittling my friends in Europe to desert them and go to the Pacific for a while.

I'm going with the navy this time, since the navy is so dominant in the Pacific, and since I've done very little in the past on that part of the service. I won't stay with the navy for the duration—probably two or three months, and then back ashore again with my noble souls, the doughfoots.

Security forbids telling you just what the plans are. But I can say that I'll fly across the Pacific, and join ship on the other side. Aboard ship I'll be out of touch with the world on long cruises. It may be there will be lapses in the column, simply because it's impossible to transmit these pieces. But we'll do our best to keep them going steadily.

I haven't figured out yet what I'm going to do about seasickness. I'm one of those unfortunates with a terrific stomach on land, but one that turns to whey and jelly when I get aboard ship. I know of nothing that submerges the muse in a man as much as the constant compulsion to throw up. Perhaps I should take along my own oil to spread on the troubled waters.

Friends warn me about all kinds of horrible diseases in the Pacific. About dysentery, and malaria, and fungus that gets in your ears and your intestines, and that horrible swelling disease known as elephantiasis.

Well, all I can say is that I'm God's gift to germs. Those fungi will shout and leap for joy when I show up. Maybe I can play the Pied Piper role—maybe the germs will all follow me when I get there, and leave the rest of the boys free to fight.

So what with disease, Japs, seasickness, and shot and shell—you see I'm not too overwhelmed with relief at starting out again.

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Ernie Pyle With the Navy

Only a Fool Would Want
To Return to Front

Writer Is on His Way Back
Despite All Arguments

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And yet I think it's best to stick with the original plan and go on to the Pacific. There are a lot of guys in that war, too. They are the same guys who are fighting on the other side, only with different names, that's all. It is not belittling my friends in Europe to desert them and go to the Pacific for a while.

I'm going with the navy this time, since the navy is so dominant in the Pacific, and since I've done very little in the past on that part of the service. I won't stay with the navy for the duration—probably two or three months, and then back ashore again with my noble souls, the doughfoots.

Security forbids telling you just what the plans are. But I can say that I'll fly across the Pacific, and join ship on the other side. Aboard ship I'll be out of touch with the world on long cruises. It may be there will be lapses in the column, simply because it's impossible to transmit these pieces. But we'll do our best to keep them going steadily.

I haven't figured out yet what I'm going to do about seasickness. I'm one of those unfortunates with a terrific stomach on land, but one that turns to whey and jelly when I get aboard ship. I know of nothing that submerges the muse in a man as much as the constant compulsion to throw up. Perhaps I should take along my own oil to spread on the troubled waters.

Friends warn me about all kinds of horrible diseases in the Pacific. About dysentery, and malaria, and fungus that gets in your ears and your intestines, and that horrible swelling disease known as elephantiasis.

Well, all I can say is that I'm God's gift to germs. Those fungi will shout and leap for joy when I show up. Maybe I can play the Pied Piper role—maybe the germs will all follow me when I get there, and leave the rest of the boys free to fight.

So what with disease, Japs, seasickness, and shot and shell—you see I'm not too overwhelmed with relief at starting out again.

But there's one thing in my favor where I'm going; one thing that will

make life bearable when all else is darkness and gloom. And that one thing is that, out in the Pacific, I'll be damned good and stinking hot. Oh boy!

ON CALIFORNIA'S FRONT

These first half dozen columns or so are being written in San Francisco before taking off for the Pacific. They are a very sketchy report on the home front.

If you can bear a little reminding I'd like to go back over these last four months of furlough, and bring you up to date on the Prodigal Son's recent activities.

Well, since leaving France and returning to America, I have—Crossed the continent three times. Had eight teeth filled. Spent my first Christmas with "That Girl" since the war started. Moved the lawn once.

I've been photographed 1,000 times, and was made president of the Rio Grande Steamship and Navigation company. (Blubber division.) I've been kissed by Paulette Goddard, Olivia DeHavilland and Jinx Falkenberg all in one afternoon—Hallelujah!

Six people sent me oil paintings they'd done from photographs. I've sat up all night three nights on trains, and three nights on airplanes. I've said "no" to at least 500 requests to speak, and have managed to keep well supplied with cigars.

Kind people have flooded me with gifts. Mayor Clyde Tingley of Albuquerque opened it with a \$500 wrist watch, which so overwhelms me that I left it in a safety deposit box back home. Who would dare wear a \$500 wrist watch?

I've had luscious apples from Washington state, pecans from Mississippi, half a dozen homemade hunting knives, two college degrees, a Texas cowboy belt, two foxhole shovels, one baby jeep, sun glasses for the Pacific, and one noble friend came through with 10 pounds of bacon.

We've had so much company at our house in Albuquerque that one night I slept on a canvas cot in the woodshed, and one night on the living room floor in my new sleeping bag. (I didn't sleep very well either.)

Despite all the frenzy, I've felt almost pathetic in my happiness at being home. I've had a wonderful time.

People are always asking what I think of the "home front," expecting me of course to raise hell about it.

Well, I don't know. In the first place it's so wonderful to be home that I find myself reluctant to criticize or even admit any flaws in the home front.

It is true that a great many people don't know there's a war on, or don't seem to care. And yet I realize that I could very easily let myself sit down and take it easy and never think of war again, except in an academic way.

I've had no bad incidents during these few months at home. But I have learned from experience that it's almost impossible—sometimes infuriating in a helpless sort of way—to talk to most civilians feelingly about the war.

On trains and in public places I find myself drifting automatically to boys in uniform with overseas ribbons or service stripes, for we can talk the same language.

As an example of what I mean, one man said to me one day in complete good faith, "Tell me now, just exactly what is it you don't like about war?"

I think I must have turned a little white, and all I could do was look at him in shock, and say, "Good God, if you don't know, then I could never tell you." It's little things like that which make returning soldiers feel their misery has all been in vain.

I don't think America at home is either unwilling or incapable of getting fully into the war.

We need only to be told more what to do, and to have scarcities and grimness applied clear across the board.

Kathleen Norris Says:

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"Are you planning for your soldier's return, not with ice-box cake and fried chicken, but with real financial help and a plan for his future?"

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

JUST how heroic are you? Just how courageous? Just how well prepared for strong and helpful facing of the most tremendous problem that ever has been put before American women, or any women, of any time or generation?

How long since you have taken stock of yourself, analyzed what you are doing, thought of what is ahead?

The answer to that is probably, "Oh, not for years. Not since John and I first were married, and sat down to work out, with a pencil and paper, just what we had to spend and just how much we had to do with it."

If that is so, today is a good day to think of the future, as we all must live it, and begin to get your house in order.

Start with money. Money sounds so vulgar, so materialistic, and yet money trouble is at the root of nine out of ten divorces, and of thousands of other domestic difficulties that never get as far as divorce.

So start with money. Are you living well within your income? Are you saving? Are you being fair to every member of the family, not wasting to the point that worries the man of the house, not indulging the children? Are you planning for your soldier's return not with ice-box cake and fried chicken, but with real financial help and a plan for his future?

If the answer to all this is "no," then you're not going to have the place you should in the world-after-the-war. You're not living up to your obligations.

End Money Worries.

Get the money question settled once and for all. Get out of debt. Stop charging things; pay cash. You'll find the whole family braced and encouraged when you take this bull by the horns; when you announce there is just one trouble that isn't going to touch your family after the war, and that trouble is nagging, annoying, nervous-making bills and extravagances and waste.

Especially braced and encouraged by this course will be that quiet, tired, bewildered person, sometimes known as the old man. He'll take on new youth when you stand beside him, assuring him that no matter what happens, no matter how wild a storm of depression rocks the world, your little craft can weather it.

Then, while you are cutting, watching, saving, simplifying, see to the comfort of everyone. Make yourself a committee of one to insure hot prompt meals, lower voices, avoidance of controversy, welcome to the weary homecomers, clean rooms, cheerful talk. Make yourself the person to whom someone in your home circle will presently say, in a rare moment of appreciation, "Gosh, you are lovely to come home to, Mom; you help us all to get through!"

With no money worries, now or to come, and peace and harmony at home, you've achieved miracles. If every woman in every home could do it, there wouldn't be any after-war depression. It's as simple as that.

Afterward you'll have time to turn to the problems of others; to go on vigorously with Red Cross and rehabilitation work; to make a real friend of the crippled or blind boy in the neighborhood, whose own family has let him come back to nothing but fretting, complaining,

ACHIEVE A SOUND FINANCIAL STATUS

About the best homecoming present you can give your soldier-husband is financial security. During wartime it is easy to earn money. There are so many essential and well-paying jobs that almost any young wife should be able to pile up a tidy bank account and a number of war bonds.

Getting out and staying out of debt is the other side of the picture. Obligations should be paid off quickly. Then you should buy only for cash. It is wisest to purchase only things you need immediately. Such things as home furnishings, electrical appliances and so on are scarce and expensive. Wait until the war is over.

Once on an even financial keel, it is fairly easy to stay on it. With proper management, the storms of depression can be weathered.

With a little nest egg, it will be possible to buy that home in the suburbs, or that little farm, or oil station, or whatever you have wanted for so long. It may be more education that will be desired. Your savings can take care of these needs.

helplessness, a general sense of resentment and despair. There'll be plenty of this!

Pray Often.

Thirdly and lastly, pray a great deal; pray every hour. If you don't exactly know how to begin, find out. Peace may bring us great miracles, in fact peace WILL bring us great miracles, if we will work in our hearts and souls to bring them about. Miracles of service, love, forgiveness, tireless effort to get the twisted world back on a safe path again.

These miracles may mean self-sacrifice, doing without luxuries to which we are accustomed, widening our services and our sympathies to whom we are not, as the world judges things, obligated. But prayer opens the way to these expansiveness and generosity, and makes them seem the normal and easy thing to do.

Prayer makes everything right. Prayer—and only prayer!—will make blindness or lameness sufferable to the gallant boy who comes home thus handicapped, and only prayer will reach those more dreadful cases of mental upset that we are counting by the thousands among our returning boys.

The war work of a woman in Omaha is to give blind boys piano or organ lessons. She is 70, a music teacher long retired. She takes on two boys every day, together. They love it; they grow animated and interested over their slow scales. Then they have tea and cookies and talk; they love that part, too. She can't give them eyes, or usual jobs, or hopes of the natural joys of husbands and fathers in the future. But she can give them music, and she gives what she can. She wrote me that after seven months' lessons one of her boys played the organ in a church last week. Well, perhaps you've never sat in darkness for months or you might know what that meant to him!

Get ready to do something heroic, strong, hard. The moment is coming when you'll be needed.

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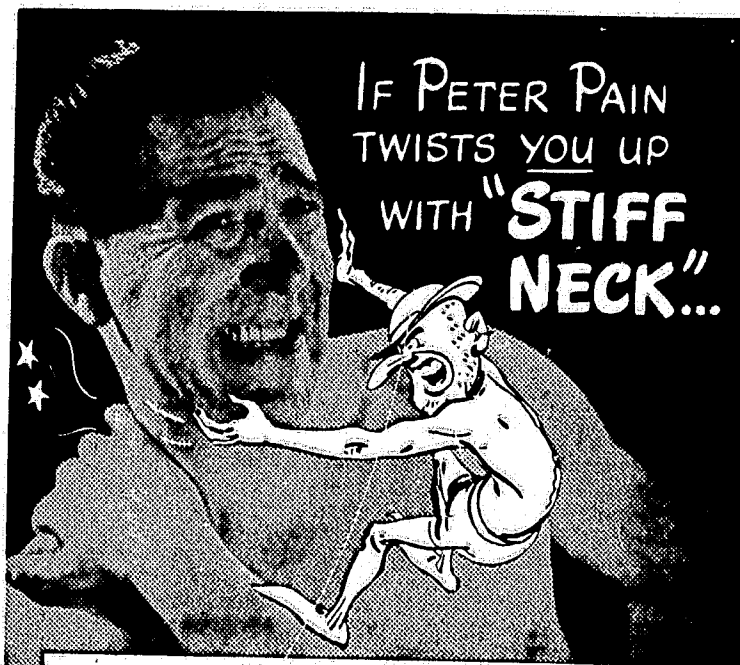
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Pyle Wrote His Final Article From Paris

(Ed. Note: Before beginning his new series above, Ernie Pyle wrote his farewell from Paris to the doughboys and sailors serving on European front.)

This is the last of these columns from Europe. By the time you read this, the old man will be on his way back to America. After that will come a long, long rest. And after the rest—well, you never can tell.

Undoubtedly this seems to you to be a funny time for a fellow to be quitting the war. It is a funny time. But I'm not leaving because of a whim, or even especially because I'm homesick.

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9:45 Church School. Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, Superintendent.
11:00 Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Marvel Hanson in charge.
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon Topic, "Who Will Win America?" The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet Sunday evening at 6:30 in the church chapel. For the next four Sunday evenings, there will be discussions on "The Life of Jesus," led by Mr. Foster.

The Guild will meet on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Elwood Ireland. The program will be a discussion on "Peace in the Post War World," led by Miss Varner, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Lord.

On Thursday night, March 1st, at 7:30 o'clock the Lenten Service will be held in the Congregational Church. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Arthur A. Callaghan, Minister of Franklin Street Methodist Church, Rumford, Maine.

METHODIST CHURCH
William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, Superintendent.
11:00 Morning Worship Service. It is Laymen's Sunday. The service will be conducted by the laymen. Evans Wilson will bring the message on the subject: "The Church's Responsibility."

6:30 Youth Fellowship Meeting at the home of Rachel Brown. Amy and Trudy Penner are in charge of the program. Stanley Davis will lead a discussion on "Life in the South." There will also be election of officers.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, will be the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Brotherhood. Supper will be served at 6:30. The annual election of officers will take place.

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Eleanor Gordon Guild will have their next meeting at the home of Abigail Gill. A pot-luck supper will be served. Mrs. Eleanor Bean is co-hostess.

The next Union Lenten Service will be held on Thursday March 1st, in the Congregational Church at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. A. Callaghan of the Franklin Street Methodist Church in Rumford will be the guest speaker.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Mind" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 25.

The Golden Text is: "There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding" (Job 32: 8).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out! For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever" (Romans 11: 33, 36).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy:

"We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite. We bury the sense of infinitude, when we admit that, although God is infinite, evil has a place in this infinitude, for evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God" (page 469: 20-24).

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

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Text, 2 Cor. 9: 15.
Sunday School 11:45.
Young People's Bible Class 7:00.
Evening Service, 7:30.
Prayer Meeting in the parsonage Wednesday evening.
Bible Club Friday after school.
Choir rehearsal Friday evening.

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Symbolic Red Cross Emblem To Appear In Windows Again

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Once again, next month, the scarlet emblem of the American Red Cross will appear in the windows of American homes, symbolizing the financial support of the nation in supporting the manifold services of that organization to American fighting men overseas.

In every nation of the world, this red cross has long been the symbol of universal humanitarianism, both in peace and in time of war. Today it is worn by medical corpsmen of all armies and navies serving the wounded. It protects hospital tents, ships, planes and trains. Painted on each of the international Red Cross ships bearing food parcels to prisoners of war, it is a guarantee of safety from acts of war.

To the giver doing his part to fulfill the \$200,000,000 goal of the American Red Cross in 1945, it represents his personal part in supplying the material things which add to the morale of the American serviceman, whether hospitalized or able-bodied.

"The window sticker means more than dollars contributed to the Red Cross," Chairman Basil O'Connor declared. "It means service clubs, canteens, recreation rooms and clubmobiles for the men in war theatres."

To the American Red Cross, each window sticker is a family's request to the Red Cross to continue its responsibilities on behalf of the son in Italy, the neighbor's boy half a turn around the globe in the Philippines, and the brother fighting on the Western Front. It is the expression of faith of the American people



Once again this year, in March, the world-known scarlet symbol of mercy will appear in windows throughout the nation, indicating that Mr. and Mrs. America are solidly behind the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund campaign.

That Red Cross will maintain the supplies of surgical dressings, blood plasma and whole blood, kit bags and comfort articles to the battlefronts. It is a vote of gratitude for the millions of food parcels reaching American men in enemy prison camps.

Opening March 1, the third American Red Cross War Fund campaign for \$200,000,000—the same as last year—will continue throughout the entire month. More than 3,000,000 volunteers will distribute the familiar window emblems, conducting a house-to-house canvass to fulfill the 1945 quota. Along with the window emblem, each contributor will receive a label tag fashioned after the Red Cross flag—the flag known to all as a sign of aid and comfort.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Lilla Stearns of Albany is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Stevens.

Mrs. Joseph Baker, Miss Margaret Baker and Mr. and Mrs. John Nowlin and daughter Sharon called at Augustus Carter's, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Richard Carter spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cotton at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster and Mrs. Richard Carter were in Rumford last Wednesday.

Mr. George Brown left Sunday morning to report at Lake Umbagog, New York.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wilson have moved from Bethel to their home here.

The Greenwood tractor snowplow was through here a week ago breaking roads.

Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald and Mrs. Paul Croteau were in Berlin, N. H. Monday.

Raymond Harrington has been sick.

Parker Raimy was in Norway one day last week.

Three tables of contract were in play at the home of Mrs. Philip Chubbourn, Wednesday evening.

Those present were, Mrs. George Lothrop, Mrs. Ernest Scothorne, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mrs. Wilbur Myers, Mrs. Clayton Fossett, Mrs. E. A. Van, Mrs. Viola Lord, Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Willard Boynton, Mrs. William Chapman, Mrs. Kimball Ames and Mrs. Richmond Roderick.

FARM NEWS

Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine has been cancelled in compliance with the Federal War Emergency ruling against holding meetings and conventions of more than fifty persons where transportation and housing are involved. Dates scheduled were March 26 to 29 and more than a hundred persons were expected to appear on the program. Farm and Home Week was first held in 1907. Since then it has been held annually except in 1936, when flood conditions made it impossible to reach Orono from a large part of the state.

Household fats are again on the firing line. A communication received from Washington by Director Arthur L. Deering, of the Agricultural Extension Service, indicates that the supply of fats for war and commercial use will be critical during the next two months. Washington officials urge rural housewives to save every scrap of waste fat and deliver it to their grocers as an imperative patriotic duty. They will be paid for the fat, both in money and in ration points.

Maine now has three potato spray rings and more are coming. The first spray ring to be formed in this state was organized in Piscataquis county in 1913 by County Agent Lewis P. Roberts. Last year the 14 members, most of whom live in the town of Sangerville, sprayed 240 acres of potatoes with one high powered sprayer. Spray rings were formed in '44 in Penobscot County centering about Exeter and in Oxford County centering about Bethel. The 11 men in the Exeter ring sprayed 153 acres and the 20 men in the Bethel ring sprayed 163 acres of potatoes. Big advantages of the spray ring is that the cooperating farmers can get their spraying done at less cost and with more efficient equipment than any one of them could afford to operate individually.

The Eskimos of Alaska have no alphabet and speak 18 different dialects. Members of one tribe have difficulty in understanding the language of other tribes.

STATE GUARD

To Everyone interested in The Maine State Guard:
Lt. Col. H. A. Emery or Battalion Headquarters, Norway will be in Bethel Monday night, Feb. 26, at 7:30 at the Grange Hall to answer any questions relative to the meaning and necessity of a State Guard Company in Bethel.

This started with a State defense Unit as a brigade purposely to work locally as home defense, then as a State Guard Reserve to work in this area and assist in State defense. Our work has proved of value and is now considered a necessary part in State defense. With the ending of other branches of State and local defense the Maine State Guard and State Guard Reserve have had their duties increased to the extent we are now the only semi-active resource of quick, trained help in an emergency.

The Adjutant General and 2nd Battalion Staff are anxious to establish a rifle unit in Bethel and feel if you will come and see where you will be of value, rather than just thinking there is no need of troops on the Home Front it will change the minds of many.

This invitation is for anyone interested, especially any boy or man between the ages of 16 and 60. Come and ask any questions you may about the Maine State Guard, as Col. Emery will answer them and open your eyes to many things you should know.

Don't think you must either be young on an A-1, as other companies have older men. There is always work for the willing worker. It seems there are very few who cannot give one evening a week, or about two hours, for the privileges our State and Country give us. Give the boys "over there" a thought and think if you are doing your share.

Most of the young men are in the service and it is up to the older ones here at home. There is no cost for any man to come in Monday night.

We have the opportunity to build a permanent State Guard, equipped by the government.

Since there are no uniforms to buy your expense will be your time and at the end of the war it is hoped to have a foundation laid for a company as good as any for the boys to take over.

GROVER HILL

Arthur Chayer U S Navy, who has been on leave, recently spent two days with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Skillings.

Friends who have called on Alfred J. Penlee at the Odd Fellows Home in Auburn find him happy and contented in his comfortable surroundings.

Albert Silver, RFD carrier, was able to make his regular route over the Flat Friday for the first time in several weeks. The combined efforts of a bulldozer and town tractor at last conquered the gigantic drifts.

Everett Merrill and family have been ill with severe colds.

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BETHEL MAIL ROUTE

1 AND 2 CONSOLIDATED
Effective today RFD 1 and 2 are consolidated as 1 with Earl Davis as carrier since October, 1937. That route has been previously by E. C. Denkerhoven and Harry Plante. Since the retirement of E. Sanborn as carrier on route July, the mail has been carried by Richard Stevens. Mr. Sanborn succeeded James Hutchings who the first carrier over 40 years. Routes 2 and 4 were put together several years ago on the retirement of Charles Valentine on route with Albert Silver as carrier.

LOGS, PULPWOOD PLACED

URGENT BAND III

Cutting pulpwood and logs for milling dimension lumber to be sold commercially has been placed in Urgency Band III, B. Jones, Maine War Manpower director said today. This was taken by the Production Agency committee, acting on a recommendation, Jones said.

Urgency Band III includes establishments producing items, components, or providing services included in the National Production Urgency list, or whose production or services are behind schedule or which threaten to become a cause of an expanded schedule.

WVAC director said. Sawmill operations milling dimension lumber for commercial sales have been placed in Urgency Band IV, Jones said.

Cutting, sawing, and processing lumber for an operator's own production will take the end-usering assigned to the finished product, Jones said.

Priority categories hitherto forced by name-action to a particular establishment will continue to be valid until further action is taken.

The United States Employment Service, Jones said, will not afford a priority rating for work in any woods sawmill or woods operation unless such has been granted specifically by Manpower. Priorities committees are granted by the committee as a result of a request filed by the employer by such request being screened by the appropriate sponsoring agency or by action taken by the director on a priorities committee recommendation.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Edward Little of the University of Maine spent the week end in town.

Mrs. Clifford Merrill has been confined to the house with chills.

Miss Laurel Clements of Wilport spent several days at Earl Davis' last week.

Miss Yvette Richards of Portland was a week end guest of Helen Robertson.

Miss Alice Pierce, student at C M G Hospital, was at home over the week end.

Mrs. Gordon Merrill and children of Bath are visiting in town this week.

Miss Margery Rowe of Gorham spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Alice Rowe.

Mrs. Marsters York spent a days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wheeler last week.

Mrs. Frank Hancock spent a week as a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Carroll Bailey and family.

Miss Ruth Bennett enjoyed a weeks vacation at her home from her school in North Lovell.

Mrs. Conrad Chaffin of Old Orchard is spending some time with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hill.

Miss Eva Bean, who has been in Portland the past few weeks, turned home Thursday of week.

Miss Betty Small of Somerset, Mass., a former Bethel teacher, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Beedy of Oldtown and Mrs. Margaret S. of Orono were at the home of Olive Lurvey for the week end.

Germans Flood

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